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'This is a modern party living in an age of change. It requires a modern constitution.

Blair stuns Left with proposal to scrap Clause Four

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

ENDURING SYMBOL OF SOCIALISM

TONY Blair yesterday delivered the ultimate proof of his determination to change the Labour Party by sounding the death knell for Clause Four, the bedrock of its socialist past.

He used his first conference speech as Labour leader to give a daring and vivid signal of his readiness to go further than his recent predecessors in slaying the sacred cows that have stood in the way of Labour's quest for power.

He outraged the Left by announcing his intention to rewrite the 76-year-old party constitution — a secret he had shared only with his closest advisers and a handful of shadow Cabinet and national executive members — at the end of a speech in which he had tried to convince the country that Labour is fit to govern, and his party that he would not betray its traditional values.

However, the disclosure that Mr Blair was ready to ditch the historic public ownership commitments printed on every membership card stunned a conference that had been led to believe that last year's one-member, one-vote changes would be the last constitutional upheaval before the election.

But Mr Blair is understood to have decided during his summer holiday that bringing Labour's constitution up to date — and the implicit abandonment of Clause Four — would be the most dramatic way of showing that his commitment to change Labour and change Britain was real. Crucially, he secured the backing of his deputy John Prescott, seen as the leader of the party's traditionalists. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, and Robin Cook, the shadow Trade Secretary, and a few senior party figures, including Neil Kinnock, were informed.

After preparing the ground with an attack on the Conservatives, and asserting that Labour was the party of law and order and the family, he announced that he and Mr Prescott would be proposing a new statement of the party's aims and objectives to the national executive.

He did not mentioned Clause Four specifically but his intentions were clear. Any doubts were removed by leadership officials. A source close to Mr Blair confirmed that Clause Four would be replaced, and that Mr Blair regarded it as a "narrow and inadequate" description of socialism. Mr Blair even won cheers for a move considered unthinkable a short time ago.

He said: "This is a modern party living in an age of change. It requires a modern constitution that says what we are in terms that the public cannot misunderstand and the Tories cannot misrepresent."

His plan was denounced as a "declaration of war" by Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, and condemned by other members of the far Left.

Dennis Skinner and Diane Abbott, elected to the National Executive Committee on Monday, pledged to fight the move. Mr Skinner said: "There is no doubt it will create upheaval in the party at a time when we've got the Tories on the run and should be using every possible moment of time and energy to make sure we drive the Tories out of office."

Ms Abbott said: "Dropping Clause Four — I think the bitterness will come back to haunt him." But all the early signs last night suggested that Mr Blair's boldness would be rewarded with victory when the redrafted constitution comes before next year's conference. It is expected that the Blair-Prescott draft will be put to the NEC in December.

Mr Blair said: "Let it then be open to debate in the coming months. I want the whole party involved. I know the whole party will welcome that debate and if it is accepted then let it become the objects of our party for the next election and take its place in our constitution for the next century."

Scrapping Clause 4 would follow the ditching of unilateralism by Mr Kinnock, the advance of party democracy under John Smith, and the attempt to abandon Labour's high tax-spend image begun by Mr Blair and Mr Brown in a series of steps aimed at turning Labour into a modern electable party.

Hugh Gaitskell tried and failed in 1960 to cast Clause Four aside, and his successors concluded that the party would not stomach it. Mr Smith decided that the row would not be worth it.

But it looks likely to happen. Most union leaders seemed ready to go along with it last night, including John Edmonds, leader of the GMB general union. He said: "If Tony Blair rewrites the objectives of the Labour Party in the terms of his speech I am sure we will vote for that."

Roger Lyons, general secretary of the white-collar Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union said: "Anything agreed in 1918 should be open to review in 1994. We are a party of change." Paul Gallagher, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said: "Scrapping Clause Four is very much on the agenda. There are no sacred cows."

Mr Blair used his speech to deliver powerful calls for unity and realism. In a clear warning to the Labour movement that it should contain its aspirations, particularly on the commitment to achieve full employment and a national minimum wage, he declared: "Let us be honest, straight, realistic. Those most in need of hope deserve the truth. Hope is not born of false promises: disillusion is.

"They are tired of dogma. They are tired of politicians pretending to have a monopoly on the answers. They are tired of glib promises broken as readily in office as they were made on the soap box.

"When we make a promise, we must be sure we can keep it. That is page one, line one of a new contract [illegible] ship with the people. [illegible] say no as well as yes. [illegible] would not [illegible] unemployed [illegible] them a job overnight [illegible] could be [illegible] demands to repeal all [illegible] trade union laws.

He made a direct [illegible] middle and [illegible] Britain's future [illegible] Tories had [illegible] that Labour [illegible] in the grip [illegible]

Clause Four of Labour's constitution has long been a totem of the party's socialist origins.

Devised by Sidney and Beatrice Webb in 1918, it makes state control of industry and commerce one of the main objectives of the party.

The key paragraph states: "To secure for the workers by hand or by brain the full fruits of their industry and the most equitable distribution thereof that may be possible on the basis of the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange, and the best obtainable system of popular administration and control of each industry or service."

Since Hugh Gaitskell failed in his attempt to remove Clause Four after Labour's 1959 election defeat, party leaders from Harold Wilson to Neil Kinnock and John Smith have been reluctant to provoke the socialist grass roots with further attempts at abolition.



Tony Blair receives cheers of supporters and an embrace from his wife [illegible]

Brussels pays to end Ulster divide

By George Brock and Nicholas Watt

BRUSSELS has agreed to pay for a multi-million pound aid scheme for Northern Ireland to tear down the West Belfast peace line which has divided Catholics and Protestants for 25 years.

The backing — which could be worth as much as £200 million over the next five years — could be in place by the end of the year following a joint plea to Brussels by London and Dublin. Northern Ireland is already due to receive about £165 million each year from the EU.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland Secretary, said the extra money would improve the face of Northern Ireland after 25 years of "hideous violence".

Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, said that work could begin early next year on removing the barriers and replacing the peace lines in Belfast and Londonderry with new housing and play areas for children.

Mr Spring, who had called for "substantial" additional resources, said: "People want concrete signs that we have moved into a new era. There is no better way to do it than by bringing down walls and barriers that have existed for the past 25 years."

☐ Gerry Adams put renewed pressure on London yesterday to hold preliminary talks with the political wing of the IRA. In an article in the *New York Times*, he again demanded "inclusive peace talks on Northern Ireland in which no one has a veto."

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Japanese coast hit by quake

By Our Foreign Staff

A HUGE earthquake killed two people and injured at least 170 yesterday when it erupted under the sea off northern Japan, sending tidal waves towards the coast.

The earthquake measured 8.2 on the Richter scale. Tremors were felt strongly in Tokyo, 500 miles to the south, and 20 aftershocks hit Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, more than three hours after the main impact.

The tremor occurred at the unusually shallow depth of 14 miles under the sea bed, giving rise to warnings of possible freak waves along 800 miles of coast.

Thousands of people were evacuated from coastal areas of Hawaii and all schools closed as waves of more than 11ft were reported off Japan. All people below 50ft above sea level on Canada's west coast were told to move to higher ground.

Triumphant Lloyd's names win £500m

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

MORE than 3,000 Lloyd's investors celebrated a victory yesterday that is expected to secure damages of £504 million against negligent members of the world's biggest insurance market.

In the biggest case of its kind in English legal history, "names" with Gooda Walker syndicates at Lloyd's won a High Court battle to be compensated for losses suffered after various world disasters.

Mr Justice Phillips said the names were entitled to compensation because of the negligence of underwriters on four syndicates. He ruled that three key underwriters failed to exercise the skill expected of reasonably competent underwriters and had breached the duty of care owed to the names.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker action group and one of the plaintiffs, said: "Justice has triumphed. It is a great day. This judgment represents salvation for many Gooda Walker names. It means that many names will be able to save family homes that they would have been forced to sell to meet their losses."

The names include Sir Freddie Laker, the former airline magnate; Buster Mottram, the tennis player; Paul Marland, the Conservative MP; Tom Benyon, the former Conservative MP; Lord Ashburton, chairman of BP; and Sir Antony Pilkington, the industrialist.

About 3,096 members of the Gooda Walker Action Group were trying to recover losses of £629 million on the ground of negligent underwriting in 1988, 1989 and 1990 by four Lloyd's syndicates. However, Mr Justice Phillips told the packed courtroom that although the plaintiffs have been successful, they were not entitled to their full claim.

Early estimates put the award at 80 per cent of the amount claimed, or £504 million, which will be paid by the defendants' insurers. The defendants are the Gooda Walker managing agency and the 71 members' agents responsible for placing names on the loss-making syndicates.

The names may have trouble collecting all the money. Some defendant member agents have gone into liquidation and may not have sufficient insurance to meet such huge legal claims; they also have no assets to sell. The judgment, too, is open to appeal.

Mr Deeny said that the action group intended to take legal action against Lintlejohn

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Tory MP Marlow's wife drowns on Greek holiday

By Andrew Pierce and Malcolm Brabant

THE wife of Tory MP Tony Marlow has drowned in a swimming accident while on holiday on a Greek island.

Catherine Marlow, 55, got into difficulties swimming off the coast at Agios Nikolaos on the western island of Zakynthos on Sunday. Mr Marlow, 54, who was understood to be on the beach, was unable to save her.

Mr Marlow, MP for Northampton North since 1979, had been married for 33 years. The couple had three sons and two daughters, one of whom was on holiday with the couple.

Details of the death were not disclosed until yesterday afternoon by the British Embassy in Athens to enable the other children to be informed. Mr Marlow informed his local Conservative Association on Sunday evening.

Mr Marlow was due to fly back to Britain today with the body after a post-mortem examination yesterday confirmed the cause of death as drowning. "There were no suspicious circumstances," said Helen Walker at the embassy in Athens. "It was a tragic swimming accident."

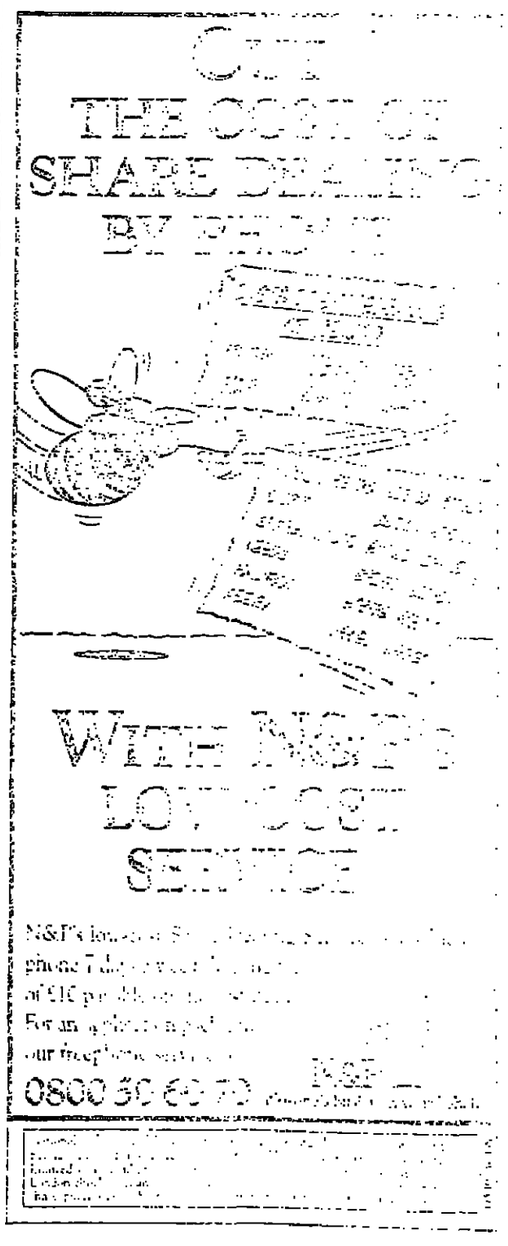
In 1983 it was disclosed that Mr Marlow spent only weekends at the family home in the village of Willoughby, just outside his constituency. In the week he lived with his secretary, Jill Chambers, in London by whom he reportedly had four children.

Miss Chambers, who is still Mr Marlow's secretary, was not answering telephone calls at her home in Dyfed, Wales. Judith Clowes, secretary of Northampton North Conservative association, said: "As far as I understand that relationship is in the past now. It is a strictly professional relationship with Miss Chambers."

Mr Marlow, a maverick rightwinger, was the first Tory backbencher to call for Margaret Thatcher's resignation in 1990, and in the Commons in March this year told John Major to step down.



Tony Marlow: flying back to Britain today



Dashing Captain Blair woos his fairy princess

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

A froth of self-satisfaction filled the room ... the mood was exuberant, the air alive with the fizz of irrelevant party chatter.

Sorry, that should have been in quotes. It's not a report from the Winter Gardens as Tony Blair paces the podium before his big speech. Nor is it the speech. It is the opening paragraph from another notorious work of fiction: Anna Pasternak's *Princess In Love*. While the dashing young Captain Blair wooed his own fairy princess — the Labour Party — at Blackpool, holidaymakers browsing along WH Smith's bookshelves found their thoughts moving towards a different romance.

"Theirs was a love both passionate and full of hope," wrote Ms Pasternak. "a love that arose through force of circumstance." In the conference centre something similar was happening, so I took *Princess In Love* into the hall with me. The speech had its *longueurs*. I mentally channel-hopped between Blair and Pasternak. In what follows, the two have become hopelessly jumbled. "*The minute she saw him standing waiting for her, tall and assertive, she felt at once tense and relaxed ... she could not help but be struck by his appearance.*

"*He seemed so pure and uncomplicated ... nothing would give him greater pleasure than to help the Princess regain her confidence. Surely the horizon could only be clear? Why, then, did he see intermittent flashes of desperation discolouring her face?* ... *As he watched her and gently stroked wisps of her hair across and away from her forehead, he was overcome by the strength of his feeling, swept away by the vulnerability that lay unguarded in front of him.*"

"We meet in a spirit of hope," began Captain Tony. "*Holding his breath and scarcely moving his body so as not to alarm her he gently, firmly squeezed the hand that had found its way into his palm.*"

"It means what we share," said Tony, "it means working together, it is about how we treat each other ... we must protect each other." "*He stared at her with his slow, full gaze, acutely aware of his own desirability, from time to time flashing the broad careless smile he knew she found so attractive ... she knew he would do nothing to dominate her overtly yet would dominate her completely.*"

"A belief in society. Working together. Solidarity. Co-operation. Partnership. These are our words. This is my socialism."

"*Intuitively he knew both the deceptive crevices and the effortlessness of the plain, untroubled ground: he knew exactly where, and where not, to tread.*"

"I know how important the education of my children is to me. I will not tolerate children going to rundown schools, with bad discipline ... If schools are bad, they should be made to be good."

"*Instinctively he knows how to get his charges to relax, by chatting and issuing gentle commands.*"

"Some of you support me because you think I can win. Actually that's not a bad reason! But it's not enough."

"*His flirtatious gambit was to chide gently, to couch his flattery in caressing teases, and a warm, ready smile.*"

"I want you with me in that task. I want you with me. Head and heart. Because this can only be done together."

The speech, now drawing to a close, had gone well. Blair's ideas may not have convinced, but his personality had. Reaching his twentieth use of the word "new" — "Our party. New Labour. Our mission. New Britain. New Labour. New Britain!" He inclined his head. His speech over. He knew applause must follow, but there was a moment's pause ...

"*The split second before you kiss, when you know it is going to happen but at the same time are not quite sure, is a moment of ecstasy that can never be repeated.*"

Ferry fleet ban rejected in favour of inspections

BY TIM JONES AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

ALL roll-on, roll-off ferries operating out of British ports are to have their bow doors checked to ensure they cannot be torn off by heavy seas, the Marine Safety Agency announced yesterday.

The move came after the discovery by investigators that the 60-ton visor-type forward loading doors of the *Estonia* had been ripped off before she sank with the loss of more than 900 lives.

Yesterday, as Swedish and Finnish ferry operators continued to weld shut the bow doors of 17 Baltic ferries following orders from their governments, British operators insisted there was no reason for them to do the same. Any such measure would increase fares and journey times.

Robin Bradley, chief executive of the MSA, said the additional checks — "purely a precautionary measure" — would apply to every one of the 140 ferries which used British ports and would be backed up by an increase in the number of surveyors sailing incognito on ferries to ensure safety procedures were adhered to.

The Marine Safety Agency's measures were endorsed by Dr Brain Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, who said there was no case for banning ferries which operate into and out of UK ports.

"As I made clear I have confidence in the new safety measures introduced following the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster in 1987," he said. "However, I also made clear that safety is paramount and must not be compromised."

In London, the International Maritime Organisation said it was proposing to set up a panel of experts, including naval architects, to examine ways of making super ferries safer.

By May, it is hoped the panel will have decided whether to recommend a range of safety measures including the use of water-proof bulkheads to divide the huge open spaces of car decks. The new safety checks were welcomed by British ferry operators, who said they were confident their ships were totally safe. P&O European Ferries said the bow door design on its ships was completely different to that on the Scandinavian vessels. The huge water-tight inner doors on P&O ferries did not double up, as they had on the *Estonia*, as a ramp for loading and unloading cars.

A Stena Sealink spokesman said: "There is no evidence which leads us to believe that we should change our operating methods."

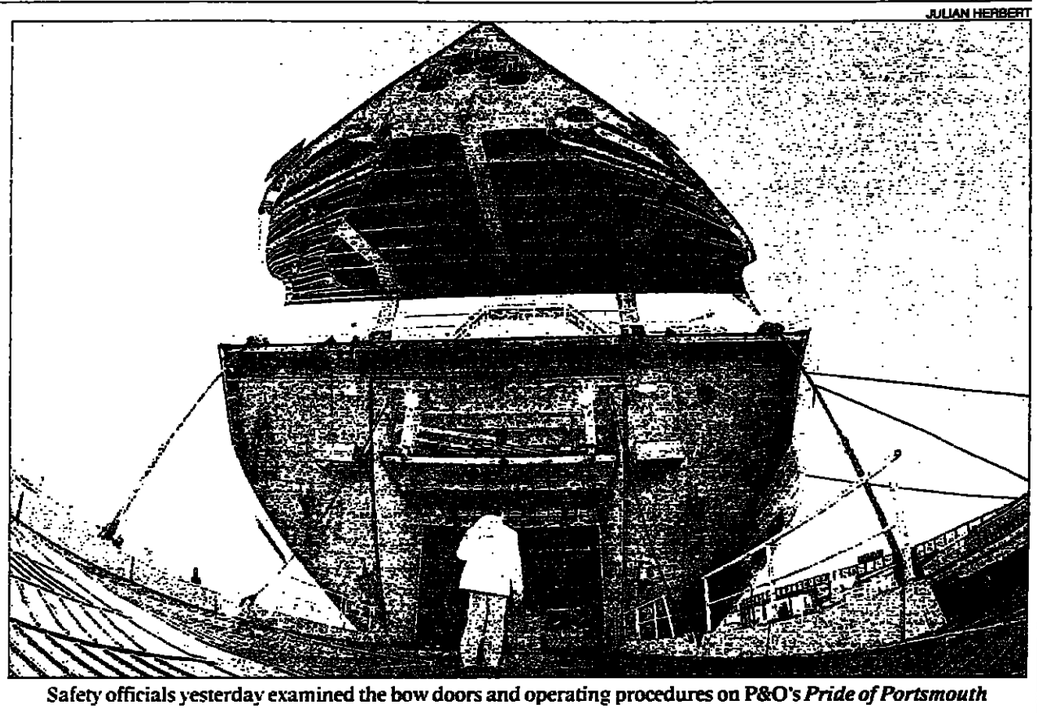
Britanny Ferries said that when it bought one ship from Baltic operators TT Lines, it completely altered the bow door design for operating in the rougher conditions which prevail in the Bay of Biscay. A spokesman said the company considered that clam-type doors, which opened sideways, gave better handling for the conditions its ships encountered. But Allan Gilfillan, vice-chairman of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects' safety committee, said there was no evidence to suggest one type of door was safer than another.

Experts examining underwater pictures of the *Estonia* are certain a faulty door locking mechanism caused the accident but are not sure about the precise cause of events that led to the accident. In a preliminary statement, the international investigating commission said the water had poured in through a gap at the side of the inner cargo doors after the outer bow door had been forced up. A locking mechanism on the door had broken.

Other Scandinavian operators are likely to order the welding of bow doors on their ships and the measures could herald a temporary end to roll-on, roll-off operations in the Baltic.

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JULIAN HERBERT



Safety officials yesterday examined the bow doors and operating procedures on P&O's *Pride of Portsmouth*

Lawyers oppose reform of conveyancing

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Law Society is expected to shelve controversial proposals on conveyancing which have been widely condemned by building societies and estate agents as likely to increase the cost of buying a house.

A survey of solicitors, to be put before the Law Society's council tomorrow, has found widespread opposition to any change in the present system in which a buyer's solicitor doubles up and acts also for the mortgage lender. Change to representation would be interpreted as "merely providing jobs for the boys", the survey says. "The existing manner in which conveyancing has been provided for some 30 years is regarded has having been adequate for consumers."

The Law Society had proposed that separate solicitors should represent the buyer and the mortgage lender, a move which could have boosted work for the profession at a time of cut-price competition in the conveyancing market. But the society's survey has found that solicitors fear "a public relations disaster".

Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, has written to the society expressing his strong opposition and concern about the increased costs that such a change would bring. The present rules relating to disclosure and conflict of interest gave mortgage lenders adequate protection, he said.

The proposals were also seen as a way of removing any conflict of interest and reducing any inequality between borrower and lender. However, 72 per cent of law firms were against separate representation for buyers and mortgage lenders and only 28 per cent were in favour.

Lloyd's case

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Frazer, the syndicate's auditors, to try to plug the gap between the £629 million in losses and the amount recovered yesterday.

Mr Deeny estimated that up to a third of the £504 million award will fall on Lloyd's names, including some Gooda Walker ones, because they provided the agents' insurance cover. The balance will fall on various reinsurance companies around the world. The litigating Gooda Walker names had been offered £220 million as part of the Lloyd's £900 million settlement offer. The names rejected the offer last Christmas, preferring court action. The case is seen as opening the way for other aggrieved investors. A second case, involving Feltrim syndicate members seeking more than £600 million, comes to court on Monday week.

The Gooda Walker names' losses result from a series of catastrophes, starting with the explosion on the Piper Alpha oil platform in 1988, followed by Hurricane Hugo in the United States, the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the European storms of early 1990, and the explosion of the Phillips Petroleum plant in Texas.

Losses from these disasters were concentrated on a relatively small percentage of the Lloyd's membership because of the LMX spiral. That involved a web of reinsurance contracts between a handful of syndicates, including those of the Gooda Walker agency. As a result, the syndicates ended up reinsuring themselves for the original risks.

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The Times gains more readers

MORE and more readers are enjoying the quality of *The Times*, according to the latest figures.

Daily readership during the six months to August increased to almost 1.5 million, a rise of more than 200,000 over the same period last year and the biggest recorded by any daily or Sunday national newspaper, according to the National Readership Survey.

All other quality dailies lost readers, with a fall of 22 per cent recorded for *The Independent* and 16 per cent for *The Guardian*. Affluent ABC1 readers of *The Times* increased by 19 per cent and the number of women readers was up by 21 per cent.

The autumn edition of *The Journalist's Handbook* praises in particular the news pages of *The Times*, noting that "stories were tersely written, communicated what they had to say with admirable clarity, and were cliché-free."

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Tory voters reject Post Office sale

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government's concern about the electoral impact of privatising the Post Office was heightened yesterday when a poll of Conservative voters showed strong support for keeping it in public ownership.

The poll in the constituencies of the Prime Minister and Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, also showed a substantial number of Tory voters would be less likely to vote Conservative if the Post Office were privatised.

After more than two years, ministers have still not reached a decision on whether to go ahead with the Government's favoured option of privatising 51 per cent of Royal Mail and the Parcelforce businesses, while keeping Post Office Counters in the public sector.

The Prime Minister is understood to be meeting Richard Ryder, the Government's Chief Whip, today to examine whether to include privatisation in the programme of legislation in the Queen's Speech next month.

Mr Heseltine is under pressure to include an announcement in his speech to the Conservative conference next week in Bournemouth, but many backbench Tory MPs believe the move will threaten their electoral support.

Further evidence of this came in a MORI poll of Conservative voters in the Huntingdon and Henley constituencies. The poll of a sample of 703 voters, taken on Saturday and Monday, showed only 9 per cent of those questioned in favour of privatising the whole of the Post Office, and 21 per cent in favour of the Government's preferred 51 per cent option.

But 66 per cent wanted to keep the whole business in the public sector while giving it greater commercial freedom, the option favoured by the Labour Party.

Protesters fight for Burns country

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A PUBLIC inquiry into Scottish Power's plans to run 203 electricity pylons through 40 miles of the South Ayrshire countryside opened yesterday with verbal clashes between the protesters and Scottish Power's counsel.

The campaigners who oppose the electricity company's £175 million scheme include the Duke of Wellington and David Puttnam, the film director. They argue that the project will spoil Stinchar Valley, which inspired the poet Robert Burns.

The scheme is a joint project by Scottish Power and Northern Ireland Electricity to provide the province with electricity from Scotland and is supported by the European Commission. A second inquiry is to be held in Northern Ireland in January.

The Duke of Wellington has written to Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary, and to *The Times* to protest about the project. In his letter to *The Times* he says: "This valley, which I have known intimately for 50 years, has remained largely unspoilt through the efforts of many people. Much of the area is a site of special scientific interest.

"Such areas unfortunately are attractive not only to those of us who care for the countryside but also to others who seek to exploit unspoilt country for commercial purposes. I believe this proposal is deplorable."

Yesterday's hearing at Paisley University's building in Ayr was taken up with an argument about the availability of reports into the project. Mr McCulloch rejected two calls from the campaigners to have the inquiry postponed.

At the end of the inquiry, Mr McCulloch will make his recommendations to Mr Lang, who will make the final decision.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britain tries to block Air France subsidy

The Government is to take legal action in an attempt to halt a £2.4 billion subsidy promised to Air France. The case is the most significant challenge yet to what Britain regards as distorting European rules on competition.

The Transport Department is to lodge a formal application in the European Court of Justice for an annulment of the latest subsidy agreement. Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, said last night that the subsidy would distort competition and jeopardise the benefits of a single market. "The Government's challenge underlines the UK's commitment to the strict enforcement of EC rules on state aid in all industries and its determination to ensure fair and effective competition in the European air transport market."

Livestock flights plan

Livestock exporters are seeking Agriculture Ministry permission to use former East European military transport planes to fly animals to the Continent. Cross-Channel livestock exports, worth £200 million last year, have come to a virtual halt because three big ferry companies, P&O, Stena Sealink and Brittany Ferries, have stopped carrying livestock on welfare grounds. Animal welfare campaigners oppose the new trend because the aircraft are unpressurised and could expose livestock to undue cold.

Lottery charity delayed

Fundraisers have said that a significant proportion of the money raised through the National Lottery will not be available to charities until 1996. David Simmonds, acting assistant director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, said yesterday it could cause considerable cash-flow problems for charities.

Fatal stabbing

A former mental patient who had been released to receive treatment in the community was being questioned last night after a woman was fatally injured in Brixton, south London. The woman, in her thirties, was taken to King's College Hospital with stab wounds but died later. Police said that the man being questioned was her boyfriend.

Appendicitis missed

A boy died after doctors failed to diagnose appendicitis, Liverpool Coroner's Court was told yesterday. Martin Hirst, 12, was discharged from hospital when doctors diagnosed gastroenteritis. The next day he was rushed back for emergency surgery but died from blood-poisoning caused by a ruptured appendix. The inquest continues today.

MacKenzie moves job



Kelvin MacKenzie, right, former editor of *The Sun*, is to join Mirror Group plc as an executive director in charge of its television interests. David Montgomery, the group's chief executive, is a former editor of the *Daily Mirror* who once worked on *The Sun*. In August Mr MacKenzie, 47, left British Sky Broadcasting after six months as managing director.

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Homes gloom continues

House prices are likely to remain depressed until next spring, the Halifax said. The building society reported a 0.1 per cent rise in September but prices were still 0.7 per cent lower than a year ago. A significant recovery would occur only if there was an upturn in consumer confidence and interest rates did not rise again, the Halifax said.

Lesbians' royal protest

Members of a group called the "lesbian avengers" disrupted a meeting attended by the Princess Royal at the Barbican in London, in a protest at the dropping of the comedienne Sandi Toksvig from the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Save The Children charity. Ms Toksvig recently disclosed that she lived in a lesbian relationship.

Le Gavroche slips

Le Gavroche, the Mayfair restaurant, is one of a dozen top establishments which lose marks for the quality of their cooking in the 1995 edition of *The Good Food Guide*, published today. Others docked points include John Burton-Race at L'Ortolan in Shinfield, Berkshire, and Alastair Little, at his eponymous Soho restaurant.

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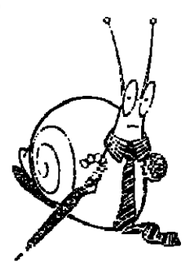
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Action group hails High Court judgment as salvation for thousands around the world

Gooda Walker win revives hopes for Lloyd's names

By Sarah Bagnall and Jon Ashworth

THOUSANDS of Lloyd's names and insurance companies around the world will feel the impact of yesterday's High Court victory by 3,696 Gooda Walker names.

The judgment also revives hopes for a renewed attempt to settle the Gooda Walker action and other spiral cases out of court. However, the chances of recovering the estimated £504 million damages payable to the names are slim.

Charles Sturge, co-founder of Chatset, the independent Lloyd's analyst, said: "It is likely that there will only be between £250 million and £300 million available to meet the claim and £300 million is being optimistic."

The award will be paid out of the defendants' insurance cover. The defendants are 11 members' agencies and the Gooda Walker managing agency. The exact amount of their insurance cover – errors and omissions insurance – is not known but is widely expected to fall short of the award. Once an agent's E&O cover is exhausted the Gooda Walker Action Group can pursue its assets.

Several agencies have already fallen into the hands of liquidators and Mr Sturge said more would follow as a result of yesterday's judgment. The next case in court, due to start on October 17, is the Feltrim Names Association, which is trying to recover £599 million of insurance losses.

Michael Deeny, a concert promoter and chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, said the judgment represented salvation for many of the names. "They will be able to keep family homes. Lloyd's was the only casino in the world where when you leave, they follow you and try to take your house away."

Alan Porter, chairman of the Devonshire Names Action Group, said he hoped the judgment would be taken as a precedent through which the remainder of the spiral cases can quickly be settled. Most of the cases have "90 per cent of circumstances in common". The action group is trying to recover £174 million.

The Lloyd's affair has touched the lives of thousands. At least seven names are known to have committed suicide, among them Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, who was found gassed in his car in February. Harold Weston, who feared bankruptcy would cost him his job as a London solicitor, hanged himself in April 1993. Richard Burgoyne, who suffered losses of £120,000 in two years, shot himself in the living room of his home.

The worst affected were names who signed up at the top of the market, only to face a steady succession of calls for funds. Longer-standing members, with several years of income under their belts, have found their plight distressing, but are less likely to face ruin.

Sir Freddie Laker, the airline pioneer, and Susan Hampshire, the actress, are among celebrity names to have suffered losses. Others include Prince Michael of Kent and Major Peter Phillips, the father of Mark Phillips.

Sir Fred Pontin, founder of the holiday camps, is said to be close to bankruptcy because of his debts to Lloyd's. George Sassoon, son of the novelist poet Siegfried Sassoon, put the family home on the market after losing £500,000.

Losers at Westminster include Sir Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, and Paul Marland, the Conservative MP for Gloucestershire West, who may have lost more than £275,000.

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JACQUELINE ARZT



Michael Deeny: judgment means names will be able to keep their homes

Double act that lost its glitter

By Jon Ashworth

IF HATRED could kill there would be little hope for Tony Gooda and Derek Walker. Rarely have two people been so reviled by so many.

Theirs was a typical Lime Street double act. Mr Gooda, the suave face of the Gooda Walker syndicate, was educated at Downside, drove a Porsche and wooed potential names over at the West Sussex Golf Club. One of his slogans was: "I won't make you a fortune, but I won't lose you one either."

Mr Walker, from southeast London, left school at 15. A streetwise trader, he arranged the deals from the sanctuary of his underwriting box at Lloyd's. Mr Gooda brought in the money; Mr Walker poured it into a lethal elixir that was to explode in his face.

Names have every reason to be bitter. The two men, who claim to be penniless, continue to have substantial homes. Both say they are bankrupt and Mr Gooda has applied to the Lloyd's Hardship Fund.

Mr Gooda lives in a 17th-century farmhouse in Coneyhurst, West Sussex, with antique furniture, tennis court and swimming pool. People used to flock to his parties. Now, they write hate mail. Similar scorn is heaped on Mr Walker, who lives near Steyning, West Sussex.

Both were the subject of a Serious Fraud Office inquiry that abruptly petered out with no charges brought. Mr Walker appeared as a witness during the High Court trial.



Gooda: suave partner who brought in money



Walker: the alchemist with a lethal elixir

Mr Gooda, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, says most of the names he signed up approached him through friends or contacts. He has said he pointed out the general risks posed by unlimited liability.

X-ray error led to fatal prognosis

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent



Dorothy Cushing had arranged her funeral

A WOMAN who was told that she was going to die of cancer bought a cemetery plot and organised her own funeral before discovering that her doctors had made a mistake.

Dorothy Cushing, aged 58, was told she had terminal lung cancer and endured five months of debilitating treatment before doctors realised they had confused her X-rays with those of another patient.

Her hair fell out and she put on five stone while undergoing chemotherapy for the cancer she did not have. She chose the clothes she wished to be buried in and picked the hymns for her funeral service.

"The doctors said I could have three weeks, three months or three years to live – they did not know," she said.

"I knew I might not have time to put my house in order and my family was devastated. I gave away my clothes and jewellery and my weight shot up from ten stone to 15 stone because there was no point in living differently."

Mrs Cushing went for a scan after having a benign lump removed from her breast last October. A specialist at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, Somerset, told her that she had lung cancer after studying what he believed were X-rays of her chest. But the X-rays had been swapped with those of another patient who was already being treated for lung cancer. The mistake came to light five months later when a doctor examining the second patient's X-rays found her cancer had apparently disappeared. New X-rays confirmed the error.

Mrs Cushing, who has two sons and three grandchildren, is now suing the Taunton and Somerset NHS Trust which manages Musgrove Park Hospital. She said she did not blame the doctors because they were "understaffed and overstretched".

"I just don't want this to happen to anyone else. It is impossible to realise the trauma it causes," she said.

The trust said it deeply regretted the incident. "Staff have been reminded of the need to pay particular attention to the labelling of X-rays," it said.

Missing lawyer had secret job

The missing lawyer Alison Routley had a second job as a waitress four nights a week, it was disclosed yesterday. Neither employer knew of her other job (Dominic Kennedy writes).

Michael Pitt, a solicitor for whom she worked, said yesterday: "I think things look pretty grim. A waitress is much more likely to become a target for a man."

Mrs Routley vanished last Wednesday after dropping her daughter at a school bus stop a mile from her home near Taunton, Somerset. When her daughter returned from school she found two mugs containing coffee powder and milk in the kitchen, as if her mother had been expecting a visitor.

Jury clears rugby pair

TWO amateur rugby players who restrained a man after he attacked one of them in the street were cleared of wounding yesterday.

A jury at Manchester Crown Court accepted that Paul Murphy, 34, and Andrew Tyers, 32, had acted in self-defence against Steven Brown, who needed ten stitches to two head wounds and suffered facial injuries and bruised ribs.

Mr Murphy said after the case: "Common sense has prevailed at last."

TSB manager stole £20,000

A BANK executive who stole nearly £20,000 from an elderly customer's account, was described as a vulture yesterday by a judge at Durham Crown Court who jailed him for a year.

Peter Chapman, 31, of Stockton, Cleveland, was the savings and investment adviser at the Durham branch of the Trustee Savings Bank. The court was told that the family of John Hunt, 76, had turned to the TSB to handle his affairs because he suffered from dementia.

Rapist on bail jailed for life

AN ATTACKER who committed eleven sexual and other violent offences while on bail was jailed for life yesterday.

Alan Meek, 39, was bailed by Judge Starforth Hill, QC, against police advice after being accused of a sex attack on a 21-year-old.

At Winchester Crown Court, Meek, of Bournemouth, admitted rape, attempted rape, threats to kill, false imprisonment, indecent assault, grievous bodily harm and actual bodily harm.

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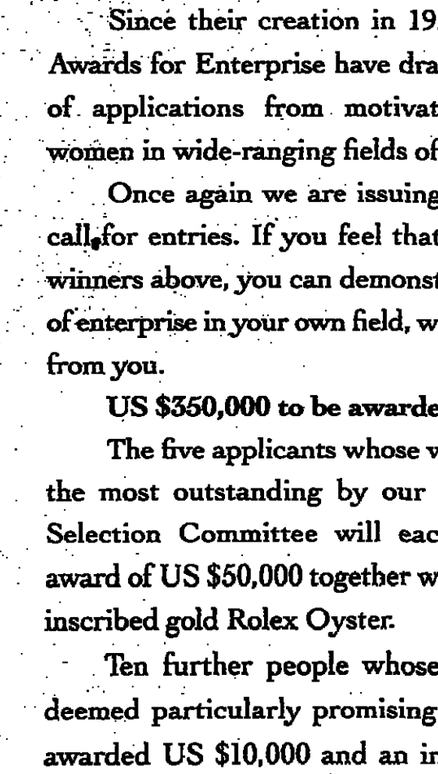
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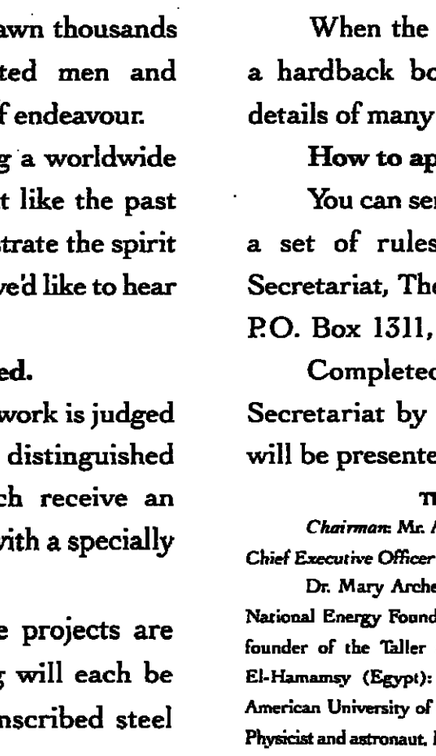
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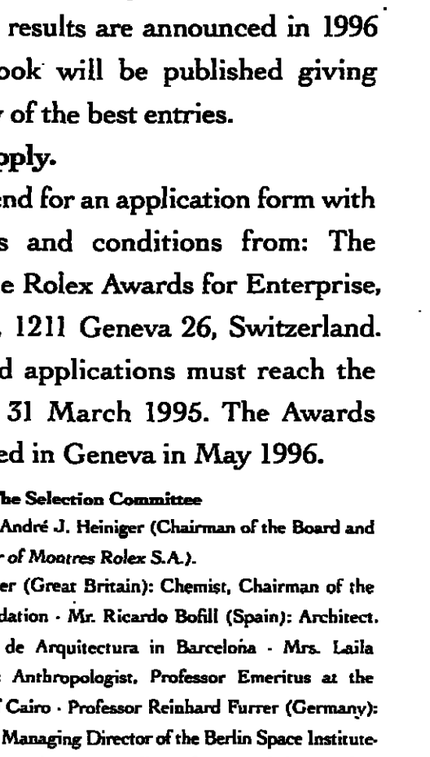
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Birmingham Six scientist says he has new evidence

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

NEW evidence allegedly showing that two of the Birmingham Six had traces of explosives on their hands is to be produced in a libel action, the High Court was told yesterday.

Lawyers for Frank Skuse, the former government forensic scientist whose evidence helped to convict the six men of two IRA pub bombings, will produce the fresh findings as part of his libel action against Granada Television, which began yesterday.

Geoffrey Shaw, QC, for Dr Skuse, said that the evidence



Skuse: suing Granada Television for libel

resulted from a re-examination of the case by West Midland Police after the quashing of the six men's convictions by the Court of Appeal in 1991. The re-examination of the original test samples by Dr Roger King, a government forensic scientist, had obtained a positive result for nitroglycerine and another explosive, dinitrotoluene, from a railway ticket bought by Billy Power, one of the Six.

Dr King also obtained a positive reading from a swab taken from the hand of Patrick Hill. Although it was from the opposite hand to that tested by Dr Skuse, it supported his original findings. Mr Shaw told Mr Justice Drake, sitting without a jury at the High Court, that scientific methods had greatly improved since 1974, yet Dr King's results supported Dr Skuse's assertion that he was right in the first place.

Dr Skuse's original tests, which showed that two of the Six had handled explosives, were later questioned. He is suing Granada over the *World In Action* programme which resulted in the convictions being referred to the Appeal Court. He claims the programme portrayed him as negligent and failing to show the skill, knowledge, care and thoroughness to be expected of him. Granada pleads justification and says the words used in the programme were true.

Dr Skuse, 59, of Wigan, Greater Manchester, was forced to retire on the ground of "limited efficiency" in 1985. Three years later he was cleared of any irregularities in the Birmingham Six case.

Mr Shaw said that it was perfectly possible for someone to be wrong without being negligent. "The programme did grave damage to Dr Skuse's reputation, which he seeks to repair by an award of damages for libel."

The Birmingham Six were freed in March 1991 after serving 16 years of life sentences. Their second appeal against conviction succeeded after fresh evidence was produced that was not available at their first appeal.

The hearing, expected to last six weeks, continues today. The judge will hear preliminary argument from Granada's counsel, Michael Mansfield, QC, who was a defence lawyer at both appeal hearings, and will then adjourn for a week to read the mass of documents in the case.

Smiling Princess reports for duty

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE Princess of Wales carried out her first military duties yesterday since allegations that she conducted an affair with a Cavalry officer were published on Monday.

The Princess held a reception at Kensington Palace for members of the 1st Batallion, the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, who are due to leave on a two-month expedition to Africa next week.

Major Mike Hames, 36, who will lead the expedition, said the Army was appalled by Major James Hewitt, a former Life Guards officer and friend of the Princess.

"I think the Army is absolutely appalled at what this man has done," Major Hames said. "The Princess is my Colonel-in-Chief, but that is the general consensus in the Army as a whole."

Sales of *Princess in Love*, the book which claims to tell of a five-year affair between the Princess and Major Hewitt, slowed yesterday after an initial print run of 75,000 was ordered by bookshops on Monday.

While Bloomsbury insisted that its contract was with the book's author, Anna Pasternak, alone and did not include Major Hewitt, the former officer has agreed to buy a house near Okehampton in Devon for £245,000. He intends to open a riding school on the property.

KIERAN DOHERTY



The Princess yesterday at Kensington Palace, where she met an expedition team

Police call for national plan to help witnesses

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE police should establish a national witness protection scheme modelled on a successful unit based in Manchester, a police conference was told yesterday.

Some 70 families facing attack or death from top criminals have been moved to new addresses in Britain and abroad by the special unit, Detective Chief Superintendent David James told the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association.

He said that since its formation three years ago by Greater Manchester Police, the unit, one of only two in Britain, had protected 127 witnesses and 125 had gone to court. None of the witnesses or their families had been reached by criminals.

Mr James said the unit cost about £100,000 a year. It was formed after the force lost a trio of cases costing more than £1 million. In one case the victim of an axe attack by four men claimed in court that he had been injured in a car accident. In a second trial a woman who saw a murder by three men failed to appear in court and was found later that day in hospital after a drug overdose.

Mr James said a dangerous group of criminals knew how to undermine and subvert the criminal justice system and witnesses were left living under an "umbrella of fear".

Short-time Ford takes gloss off export drive

FROM KEVIN EASON IN PARIS

THREE of Britain's most famous carmakers unveiled orders worth nearly £500 million at the Paris Motor Show yesterday, putting a brave face on disquieting news from back home.

Ford announced short-time working at the carmaker's two biggest British factories, denting hopes that the industry is accelerating out of recession. The Halewood plant on Merseyside, where the Escort is built, will immediately go on a three-day week for the rest of the month, cutting output by 1,600 cars a week.

Workers at Dagenham, east London, will not produce any cars this Friday or on another day later in the month, to reduce stocks by nearly 2,000 cars. Ford captured 22 per cent of the new-car market in August when the Escort and Fiesta were the top sellers.

In Paris, Jaguar, Land Rover and Aston Martin ordered production increases to keep up with demand for new models which have sold out within days. They all launched new cars at the show as the first stage of an assault for European sales.

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, underlined the renewed interest in the three British marques when he paid a surprise visit to the show. He ordered a £45,000 Jaguar XJR, the company's newest 155mph saloon.

He said: "I have always had Jaguars and this will be the next one that I buy. It is marvellous to see British companies once again making cars that will invigorate our export business."

Jaguar unveiled its new XJ range to foreign buyers but already has waiting lists in Britain stretching ahead six months. The company has taken orders for 4,500 cars worth £180 million in the first three days on sale in British showrooms.

Worldwide sales are running at twice the rate of the first eight months of the year, requiring Jaguar to increase production schedules.

News in brief

Man killed by boy joyrider

Luigino Cecconello, 39, of Hammersmith, west London, died during a high speed police pursuit early yesterday when his car was hit by a stolen Ford Sierra driven by a 15-year-old boy in Knightsbridge, police said.

The teenager and his 43-year-old male passenger, who suffered minor injuries, were arrested and taken to the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

Youth freed

A boy aged 14 who was apprehended by the comedian John Cleese after mugging a woman in Notting Hill, west London, walked free from Kensington and Chelsea youth court after being ordered to pay his victim £50 compensation.

Assault charge

An Aberdeen man aged 21 has been charged over an alleged assault on a Glasgow Rangers player after an incident outside Pittodrie stadium.

Cow claim

Sadie Cooper, 50, was awarded £5,000 compensation for leg injuries after being kicked by a BSE-infected cow in Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Chemical leak

Twenty-six people were recovering after a chemical leak at a foundry in Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

Shark released

A 20ft shark has been released into the sea by the Hastings Sea Life Centre after it grew too big for its tank.

Bond winners

Main winners in the October premium bond draw are: £100,000 — 33MP 729491 winner lives in Redbridge, London (value of holding £19,993). 1KK 837522 Manchester (£11): £50,000 — 9MK 793210 Edinburgh (£1,350). 11NP 284334 Brent (£19,850). 31MP 946753 Kent (£19,981): £25,000 — 23EZ 520941 Leeds (£11,250). 68W 219751 Dorset (£18). 20QB 628896 Merseyside (£10,053). 13MN 917414 Preston (£19,950).

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Cheltenham goes coed but girls must leave at 13

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

A LEADING independent school has started to admit girls to its junior school, but will insist that they go elsewhere at 13 to preserve single-sex education during the years of puberty.

Cheltenham College has had a coeducational sixth form for more than a decade, but has been a male preserve among the younger age groups since 1841. The first 30 girls to join the junior school will be encouraged to return for A levels after their enforced break.

The new intake of girls makes up 11 per cent of the junior school, which takes pupils from the age of three. Half the junior intake is expected to be female by 1996, but Cheltenham's governors are adamant that the senior school will remain boys-only.

The school describes the new arrangement as the "diamond system" of education because the paths of the sexes diverge before rejoining later. The phrase is derived from the most fashionable football formation of the day.

Cheltenham is one of many independent schools wrestling with the conflicting demands of parents of different age-groups. Coeducation now dominates in the preparatory sector, but the success of single-sex schools in public examinations has begun to reverse the trend in senior schools.

Peter Wilkes, Cheltenham's headmaster, said the system offered the best of both worlds. "There is no doubt that modern parents are looking for a coeducational family atmosphere for their sons and daughters in the early years: often single-sex during the stressful years of puberty: and then a coeducational environment shortly prior to university. I am sure there will be a demand from some parents to continue coeducation right through, but we firmly believe that this is the best arrangement."

Nigel Archdale, headmaster of the junior school, said: "We are moving towards the position where one third of our pupils are girls and in certain age groups it is 50-50."

Although there will be no formal link, junior school girls will be expected to go to Cheltenham Ladies' College. Enid Castle, its headmistress, has joined the junior school governors since the decision was taken to become coeducational.

The experiment follows a pattern pioneered by Forest School in Snaresbrook, east London, which operates a mixed junior school with boys and girls taught in separate classes, before dividing the sexes into two senior schools. As at Cheltenham, the sixth-form is mixed.

☐ A group of 25 state schools from Braintree, Essex, is to launch a series of Saturday morning classes designed to stretch the most able students. The courses will be by invitation only to each school's most able pupils. Early classes will include creative writing, mathematics and language. Cambridge University is to monitor the students' progress and offer guidance on applications for higher education.

CBI urges A-level reform

AN OVERHAUL of A levels to ensure that arts students can add and subtract and that scientists can write memos was demanded yesterday by the director-general of the Confederation of British Industry (Ben Preston writes).

Howard Davies said that all A-level courses should test students on their communication, numeracy and information technology skills in an attempt to improve the quality of the workforce. Mr Davies told a conference in London organised by the Secondary Heads' Association that, although employers believed education standards were rising, some were concerned at their new recruits' grasp of essential skills.

"They say, 'We have some clever chaps coming in but they can't string three words together or write a memo in a straightforward style.'" Education was the key to the country's economic future.

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Cheltenham College is starting mixed junior classes, ending 150 years of tradition

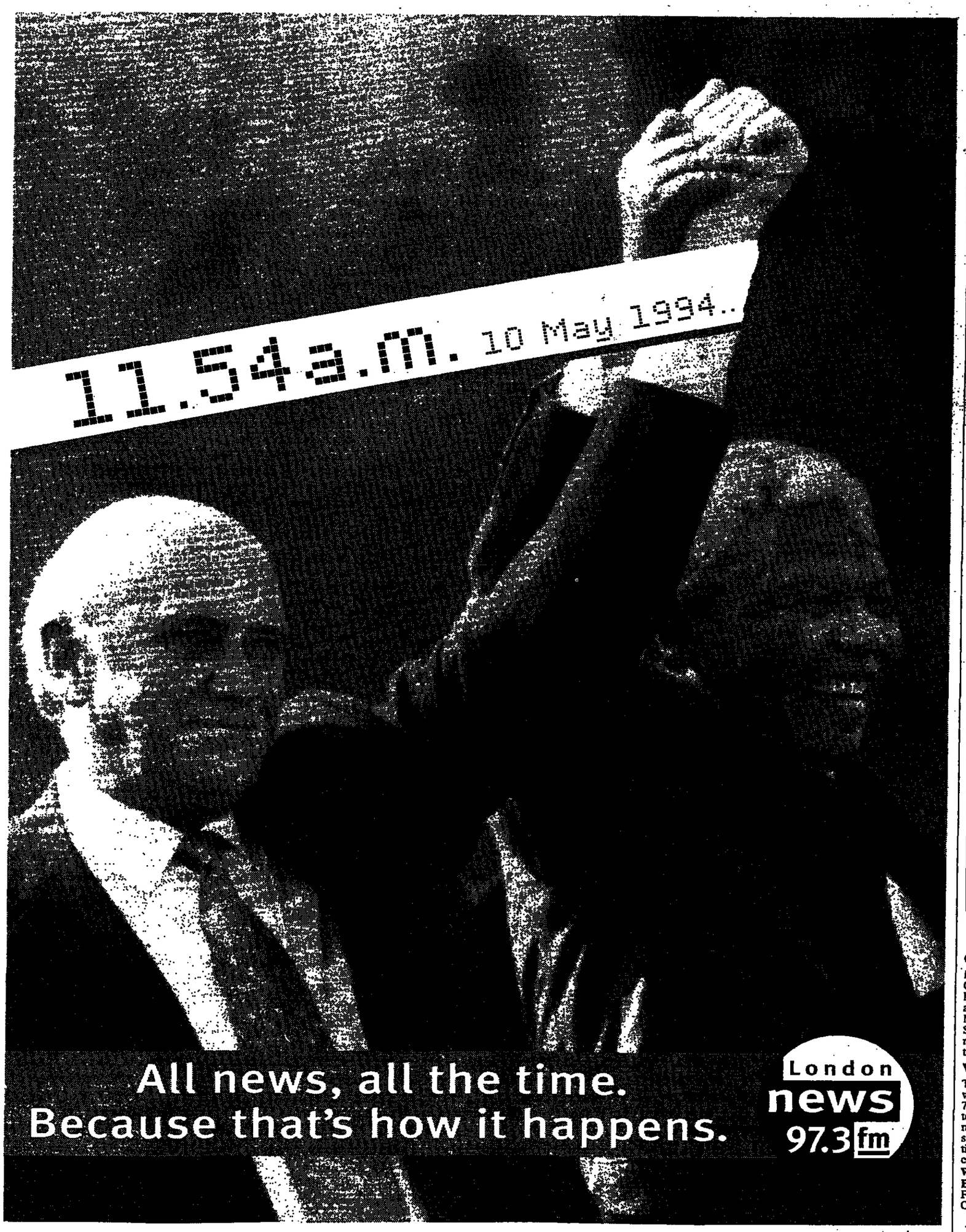
Payout for health visitor over bullying

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

A WOMAN has been awarded £5,500 after her female boss made her life intolerable. It is believed to be the first case in which an employee has won compensation for bullying by her boss.

The health visitor was told by a community nurse manager that she was "useless". She was the only one not given a job after going on a training course with colleagues. She was made to continue working as a student and applied for several permanent jobs without success. When she applied to two other trusts, both offered her posts.

The Manufacturing Science and Finance union, which represented the unnamed woman, said an NHS community trust in North East Thames had agreed to the *ex gratia* payment after being warned of a possible action for constructive dismissal. A spokeswoman said: "It was a clear understanding between ourselves and the employer that this was to compensate her for the adverse effect that bullying had on her performance."



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Palace profits rise by a quarter to £2.8m

BUCKINGHAM Palace has made a profit of £2.8 million from its second annual public opening, a 27 per cent increase on last year (Alan Hamilton writes).

Preliminary figures released yesterday by Royal Collection Enterprises, the commercial arm of the Royal Household, show there were 420,000 visitors — 45 per cent of them from overseas — during the eight-week opening.

They toured the palace staterooms at the rate of 7,000 a day. Were it to be open all year, the palace would rival the Tower of London in popularity. Palace officials believe that the tours are at full capacity and that there is little scope for increasing numbers.

The shop selling upmarket souvenirs was again besieged by visitors and contributed £1.3 million to the profit, which will go towards restoring the fire-damaged Windsor Castle.

DORMER on BRIDGE

BY ALBERT DORMER, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

South dealer — Both vul

	♠AK3 ♥QJ972 ♦KJ3 ♣K4	
♠QJ10974 ♥6 ♦92 ♣AJ93		♠8652 ♥104 ♦Q74 ♣10875
	♠— ♥AK853 ♦A10865 ♣Q62	

W	N	E	S
			1♥
1♠	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠Q

After the cue bid of 2♠, North's jump to game shows strong trump support and no other first-round controls. Plan the play.

Solution: Play low from dummy and ruff the trick in hand. This is done because South cannot at this stage decide what to discard on dummy's spade winners.

It may seem that South has to guess who has the ♦Q. West has overcalled, but this has little bearing on whether he has an unsupported side queen. It is much safer to assume instead that he has the ♠A.

On that basis, the contract is secure. Draw the opponents' trumps and lead a low club towards the dummy hand. If West plays low, the king wins and two clubs are discarded on the ♠A-K.

If West puts up the ♠A you can discard a diamond on the ♠Q and ruff your losing diamonds. Whether he plays high or low, West comes off second best.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Change of heart

In the wake of the news that Garry Kasparov has personally rescued the chess olympiad and that it will now be held in Moscow in December, Nigel Short has indicated that he is now available for the English team.

Veteran's victory

The following energetic win was achieved by Bob Wade, a 73-year-old international master, in the Four Nations Premier League. Black's pawn sacrifice grants him an initiative which White is unable to contain.

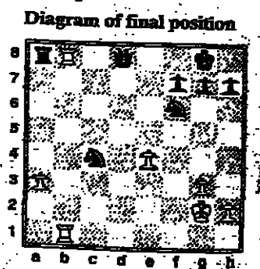
White: Helbig
Black: Wade
Four Nations Premier League
October 1994

Tartakower's Defence

1	e4	c6
2	c4	e5
3	Nf3	d6
4	d4	Qc7
5	Nc3	Bg4
6	Be2	Nf6
7	Be3	Be7
8	0-0	0-0
9	Nd2	Bxe2
10	Qxe2	Nbd7
11	f4	a6
12	bxa6	dxe5
13	d5	b5
14	dxc6	Qxc6
15	cxb5	axb5
16	Qxb5	Qxb5
17	Nxb5	Ng4
18	Ba7	Rxa7
19	Nxa7	Bc5+
20	Kh1	Bxa7
21	g3	Bd4
22	Rab1	Re8
23	a3	Nd6
24	Rfe1	Nf2+
25	Kg2	Nd3
26	Re2	Nxb2
27	Nf3	Nc4
28	Nxd4	exd4
29	Rb4	d3
30	Re1	d2
31	Reb1	d1Q
32	Rb8+	Qc8

White resigns

Diagram of final position



After two rounds, the leading scores are: British Chess Magazine 11.5 points and Midlands Monarchs 11 points.

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Hairdresser in white coat authorised blood match

Bogus doctor jailed for stealing from hospitals

BY KATE ALDERSON AND BILL FROST

A HAIRDRESSER who posed as a doctor and stole from hospitals across Britain was jailed yesterday for five years.

Judge Lockett told Paul Bint, 32, who has a record of such offences dating back to 1983, that patients must be protected from people who posed as doctors. "The public have great faith in the medical profession, and rightly so, and it is our duty to see that faith is not undermined," he said.

The judge said that the most serious offence was at the Royal Preston Hospital on Boxing Day when Bint obtained a pass from a telephone supervisor. He told her he was a locum called Dr David Watkin. Bint was issued with a radio-pager and took a stethoscope. He was asked to sign a form cross-matching a patient's blood for surgery.

Bint, of no fixed address but originally from Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, was sentenced at Preston Crown Court after pleading guilty before magistrates to nine charges of burglary, theft, obtaining property by deception and forging a prescription.

What the prosecution called a "catalogue of dishonesty" began after Bint was discharged in December from a special hospital. He stole wallets, credit cards, cheque books, stethoscopes, radio-pagers and a mobile telephone from surgeons' pockets in theatre changing rooms.



Bint: took credit cards and stethoscopes

Bint's targets were Middlesex Hospital, London, Leicester Royal Infirmary, Walton Hospital, Liverpool, Blackburn Royal Infirmary and the Preston hospital. He used the credit cards and cheque books to pay for petrol and hotel rooms. After reading psychiatric reports, the judge told Bint: "Only a sentence of imprisonment is appropriate." Bint first posed as a doctor when he was aged 16.

He is known to have put stitches in a patient's head wound, attended a man with a collapsed lung and arranged X-rays. He once tried to help with heart bypass surgery. Last year he was ordered to be detained indefinitely at a psychiatric clinic after telling the parents of a road accident victim at York District Hospital that their daughter would live. The girl died six hours later. Bint was released from the clinic after six months.

He has also posed as an aristocrat, a pop guitarist and a ballet dancer. In 1988, calling himself the young Earl of Arundel, he tricked a salesman into handing over an £84,000 Ferrari and was jailed for four years. Four years earlier he swindled two motor companies out of a £14,000 Porsche and a £45,000 Rolls Royce.

Bint was arrested after a girlfriend, Jane Griffiths, 25, of Blackburn, became suspicious and told police. She met Bint in a nightclub, where he said he was Dr Piers Watkin and worked at the Royal Preston. "He told me he was fantastic at taking out spleens," she said after the case. "I actually phoned the hospital seven times one day to plead with them to check his details, but they wouldn't listen to me. He is a conman, a liar and a cheat."



ALAN WELLER

Carmel Kinnear with two of her children, Rory, 16, and Kirsty, 20, outside the High Court yesterday

Kinnear's widow accepts £650,000 offer

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE widow of Roy Kinnear, the actor, accepted £650,000 damages yesterday after a six-year legal battle to prove negligence during a film stunt caused her husband's death.

Carmel Kinnear decided to accept the agreed award, with estimated legal costs of £350,000, but said outside the High Court in London: "No money, nothing, will ever help us get over the last six years of hell or the next 20 years or more without him."

Mr Kinnear died aged 54 after falling from his horse during filming for *The Return of the Musketeers* in Spain in September 1988. The court heard that the stunt co-ordinator and fellow actors Oliver Reed and Michael York believed the stunt to be hazardous. After only one afternoon of evidence lawyers for Falconfilms, Pierre Spengler, the producer, and Richard Lester, the director, agreed to settle the negligence claim.

The decision meant that Mrs Kinnear had then to give evidence yesterday for Falconfilms, which is pursuing a separate negligence claim against the Spanish hospital where Mr Kinnear was treated. Patrick Phillips, QC, for the film company, alleged that hospital doctors who treated him for a broken pelvis failed to detect internal bleeding that was to lead to his death 24 hours after the fall. The case continues.

Lavatories beyond the pale in stations

BY ROBIN YOUNG

USING a lavatory at a London railway station is an "offensive, even frightening" experience, the London Regional Passengers Committee said yesterday.

The committee, set up by Parliament to represent the interests of London rail travellers, said it had carried out the most comprehensive survey of station lavatories and had discovered that only 8 per cent were above basic standard.

Only two fifths of the 714 railway and Underground stations in the region had lavatories. "That, in itself, is somewhat deplorable," the report said. Researchers visited half the stations with facilities, a chore they said was "distasteful and unappetising".

While 48 per cent of lavatories inspected were judged to meet "basic standard", 44 per cent fell below. Forty Underground and 29 BR facilities were closed when the inspectors called.

In the lavatories that were open, they found a losing battle being waged against vandals and ageing equipment. The report says: "The lack of wash basins, running water and hand-dryers; the absence of toilet paper; the broken locks, seats and cisterns; the woebegone and filthy appearance: these were too often the traits noted."

British Rail condom advert outlawed

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH Rail advertisement featuring a picture of 12 yellow condoms was condemned this morning by advertising watchdogs as "grossly irresponsible".

In a report published today, the Advertising Standards Authority banned the advertisement, which depicts condoms in a circle against a blue background in an imitation of the European Union flag. It ruled that the promotion for the young person's Inter-Rail pass had caused widespread offence and that its slogan, "Inter-Rail. You've Got the Rest of Your Life To Be Good", encouraged promiscuity.

More than 160 people complained about the advertisement, which has been featured in some national newspapers and which also carries the slogan: "The Commission of the European Community's year of Europe Against Aids."

BR denied the advertisement encouraged promiscuity and said it aimed to acknowledge the fact that a significant proportion of 18 to 25-year-olds had sexual encounters when on holiday.

A spokeswoman said: "We were surprised by the number of complaints. We had tested it on young people before running it and they thought it was great."

Badgers shot on royal estate did not have TB

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FIFTEEN badgers shot earlier this year on the Prince of Wales's Highgrove estate in Gloucestershire were wrongly suspected of infecting cattle with tuberculosis, the Ministry of Agriculture admitted yesterday.

Post-mortem tests have found no trace of disease in any of the animals which were killed by ministry officials after an outbreak of TB in the Prince's herd of 140 Aberdeen Angus.

Wildlife campaigners said the findings showed the absurdity of the ministry's policy of trying to control bovine TB by culling badgers. John Fleming, chairman of the Gloucestershire Badger Group, said: "The whole thing is a tragedy. Yet again badgers have been killed for no reason."

A spokesman for the Duchy of Cornwall said: "It is very sad that these animals had to be killed. The Prince could have refused permission, but as a farmer and landowner he feels bound to accept the advice of the government department responsible for animal health."



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New rules to protect MPs from coup risk

LABOUR took steps yesterday to try to prevent Asian infiltrators from seizing control of inner-city seats through mass recruitment of new members from the Moslem community (Jonathan Prynn writes).

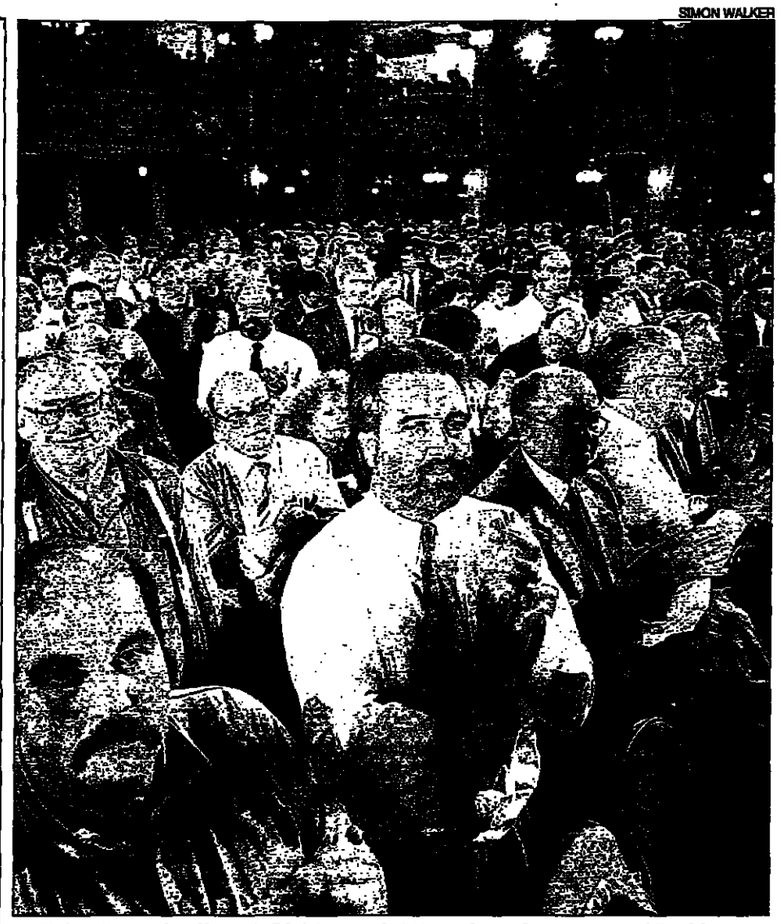
The move follows an attempt to oust Gerald Kaufman as MP for Manchester Gorton in which 600 Asians applied to join the party last year.

New rules proposed by the national executive would give the party stronger powers to rescind membership in certain cases, such as where applicants are not on the electoral register. This would allow the party to move swiftly against infiltrators without having to resort to "cumbersome expulsion procedures".

The rule change was opposed by delegates who said it would bar the homeless from party membership and could also be used to pursue vendettas.

The result of the card vote on the proposal will be known this morning.

SIMON WALKER



Delegates applauding Mr Blair's speech. "It was just what we wanted," said one

Scargill rails against 'Tory party mark II'

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



THE miners' leader Arthur Scargill accused Tony Blair yesterday of "declaring war on the party" after the Labour leader's announcement that he intended to tear up the constitution.

Mr Scargill said Mr Blair represented the Tory party Mark II. "He wants to ditch socialism, ditch Clause Four and embrace a market economy. It was deplorable and an insult to the conference."

But Mr Scargill found himself almost isolated after a speech that won widespread acclaim and a standing ovation from trade unionists, party delegates and MPs. Most other trade union leaders surprisingly rallied behind Mr Blair, claiming the speech would strike a chord with the nation.

While some had grave doubts about the Labour leader's intentions on Clause Four, they seemed prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt. John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, who defied Mr Blair on Monday and has warned him against further attacks on Labour's constitution, said: "I have never heard such a good reaction to a speech. It had all the ingredients for a man who wants to be Prime Minister. The speech was quite stunning."

Alan Johnson, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said it was the best leader's speech he had heard since he started coming to Labour conferences 13 years ago. "It was more Beveridge than Bevin but there were lots of specific commitments."

Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU, also supported the "new sense of freshness" and claimed Mr Blair's speech was that of "a Prime Minister in waiting."

Some delegates left the conference hall in tears claiming that Mr Blair's address was the most brilliant they had heard for 30 years. Trade unionists hugged each other as they slowly came to grips with the idea that Mr Blair had torn up their party's constitution — and the fact that they didn't mind. But Mr Blair had prepared the ground well through his pledges on social justice, his vicious attack on the Tories, his opposition to the privatisation of the railways and the post office, and his determination that the party would only make promises it could deliver.

Last night the Labour leader appeared to have got away with the biggest risk he has taken so far. "It was brilliant. It was just what we all wanted to hear," said Pat Dwyer, a delegate from the UCW. "He didn't duck anything. He told us what the party stands for."

"Tony Blair will inspire the electorate to go out and vote for him." While some were reluctant to see the nationalisation clause torn up, many agreed that Clause Four needed to be revised or rewritten. However some older party members made clear that they were unhappy with the move. Roy Stuttard, from Leicester East, said: "I dont believe you can have a socialist party which doesn't believe in controlling public services."

MPs, both supporting and opposing Clause Four, were almost unanimous in supporting Mr Blair's stand yesterday. Peter Hain, the leftwing MP for Neath, who has been one of the few MPs prepared to criticise Mr Blair, described the speech as exciting and positive. "It is the best I have heard since 1979. He said what we were for, rather than what we were against — full employment, a minimum wage, a democratic constitution and social justice."

Mr Blair did come under attack, however, from the hard left. Diane Abbott, who was elected onto the NEC on Monday night, said it was unhelpful to plunge into a debate about constitutional wording in the run up to the general election.

Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, claimed the speech was "manna from heaven" for the Tories. "It will give the Conservatives the perfect opportunity to say that Labour is examining its own navel and there will be a row about Clause Four."

Business leaders impressed by vision

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

BUSINESS leaders bussed into Blackpool for the party conference yesterday gave a welcome to Tony Blair's vision of a "dynamic market economy," thriving under a Labour government.

Labour is working hard to build up its links with industry and commerce and for the first time this year the party has offered £350-a-head executive packages for industrialists who wanted to attend the conference.

Twenty senior executives, including Sir John Egan, the chairman of BAA, and Peter Harper, a director of Hanson, one of the staunchest corporate supporters of the Thatcher government, watched from seats in the gallery of the Winter Gardens as Mr Blair outlined his vision of partnership between government and the public sector. Some stood and applauded at the end of his speech.

Peter Bryant, the deputy chairman of United Gas, praised the "competent and professional speech," and welcomed the opportunity for dialogue with the party.

John Moores, a director of Littlewoods, which ceased its donations to the Tory party in protest at the introduction of the National Lottery, said the speech had been "lively and interesting all the way through". He added: "The country is in a real mess and it needs waking up."

One City executive at the conference said that there were increasing parallels between business and what the Labour Party was trying to achieve. "It involves setting a mission statement and setting objectives," he said. "The important thing then is to measure how far you are achieving your objectives."

A number of executives said they would sign up to Labour's industry forum, which is aimed at fostering links between the party and the private sector.

Backroom boys put sparkle in speech

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EVEN before Tony Blair rose to speak, Labour had already secured a tactical triumph. As he moved to jettison Clause Four, once the cornerstone of his party, there was surprise that the leadership had managed to keep the plan under wraps until yesterday.

In a party notorious for its inability to keep secrets, Mr Blair had secured a remarkable success, still more astonishing considering the speech had been so widely discussed among his inner circle.

A trio of Mr Blair's most trusted confidants, and several senior shadow cabinet colleagues, had weeks of discussions and were aware of much of the speech's contents early last month.

Mr Blair decided in August that he would use this speech to announce his plans to rewrite Labour's rule-book. However, only his closest colleagues were aware how far he would go.

A three-man team of ghost-writers behind the conference address was trusted with some of the most sensitive plans. David Miliband, Mr Blair's head of policy, teamed up with Alastair Campbell, his press secretary, to draft the speech, while Peter Mandelson, MP for Hartlepool and a skilled behind-the-scenes Labour party "fixer", added a substantial gloss.

Mr Miliband, 29, is a highly-rated political adviser charged with handling the party's drive for power. He is the son of Ralph Miliband, a Marxist writer.

With Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, and other senior shadow cabinet members, the team gradually shaped a speech billed as the starting point of the party's drive towards government.

While some politicians are prepared to have speeches drafted for them entirely by their advisors, Mr Blair is more reluctant to relinquish control of his own oratory.

Unions resist policy on the environment

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Labour leadership yesterday clashed with two powerful unions over environmental policy in one of the day's few public disagreements.

Pledges to phase out nuclear power, introduce tight controls on open-cast mining and make deep cuts in the road-building programme, contained in a policy document on the environment, were opposed by the Transport and General Workers' Union and the electricians' union, the EETPU. However, the document won the overwhelming support of other delegates.

In a letter to Chris Smith, the party's environmental protection spokesman, Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU, said the policies would jeopardise 65,000 jobs in the nuclear and open-cast mining industries and "an incalculable number" involved in road-building.

The letter calls for consultation with the unions "in the expectation that we can arrive at an agreed policy".

In yesterday morning's debate on the environment, Paul Gallagher of the EETPU gave a warning that 150,000 jobs relied on "one of this country's most successful industries", the nuclear power industry.

"The Tories have destroyed the coal industry to satisfy political dogma," he said. "Labour must not make the same mistake."

☐ Mr. Smith told the conference Labour would switch the £20 billion the Tories had earmarked for road-building to investment in public transport. He also said compulsory water metering and water disconnection would be ended.

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Theatrical blow struck in battle to banish the old party

At last a Labour leader has confronted his party with what it has to do to regain the confidence of voters. Tony Blair has taken a big risk in calling for the rewriting of Clause Four of the party's constitution. It has for long been regarded, by both Labour activists and Tory opponents, as a totem of socialist purity. Hugh Gaitskell failed ignominiously in the attempt to rewrite the clause after Labour lost the 1959 election. Subsequent Labour leaders, from Harold Wilson to John Smith, and even the moderniser Neil Kinnock, avoided a confrontation. They preferred to ignore the archaic wording on public ownership, based on long-forgotten arguments about socialist theology in 1918.

For Mr Blair, rewriting Clause Four is intended to symbolise the party's determination to change, and hence to convince the public that they can trust Labour to change the country. Burying the legacy of Sidney and Beatrice Webb is intended to bury the old Labour party. Although many in the audience did not immediately appreciate the full significance of what Mr Blair was saying since he did not specifically mention Clause Four, the angry reaction of the hard-left soon afterwards showed that Mr Blair faces an intense battle over the coming year.

But having raised the stakes as he did yesterday, he has to win the battle, and probably will by isolating the hard-left. While few in the leadership knew beforehand about the initiative, Mr Blair shrewdly linked John Prescott, his deputy and conscience of party activists, with rewriting the objects of the party. At present, he has seized the initiative. The predominant reaction last night was favourable: even John Edmonds gave a barbed welcome to the plan.

The proposal on Clause Four was the unexpected theatrical coup to dramatise the changes which Mr Blair wants. But throughout the speech he signalled a change of style as much as of policy. He sought to bury the sectarian, "our class" appeal of the past. He talked of being "once again able to represent all the British people", being "the mainstream voice in politics today", and "back on the side of the vast majority" and of "middle and lower income Britain". There were unacknowledged echoes of the language of the Clinton campaign of 1992 in the references to the insecurities, anxieties and aspirations of the majority.

In presenting Labour as a new party, he spelt out home truths which his predecessors have avoided. His speech was in marked contrast to John Smith's in Blackpool two years ago when he won cheers by confirming the prejudices of the party's rank-and-file, rather than forcing them to come to terms with the consequences of Labour losing its *fourth election in a row*. Mr Blair rejected calls to repeal all Tory trade union laws, saying that no one believes strike ballots should be abandoned. He also warned against unrealistic expectations about achieving full employment. While he fully endorsed the minimum wage, he said it should be "set and implemented sensibly".

Mr Blair defined Labour as a non-dogmatic party of the progressive left-of-centre, a safe home for the old SDP. He committed the party to an extensive programme of constitutional reform from the start (*enough to fill a full five* years, according to one MP) and to making a top priority of education.

When the cheers have died down, Mr Blair still has to show that his party is with him "head and heart", as he yesterday sought. Too many of his senior colleagues, let alone the rank-and-file, still talk the old Labour language.

Nonetheless, Mr Blair's speech creates many difficulties for both the Tories and the Liberal Democrats. The Tories will need to do much better than the shallow response last night of Jeremey *Hanley, the party chairman*. Stale gibes will not be taken seriously by the public. The Tories have to address voters' concerns about standards both in public services and in public life. Mr Blair yesterday took a big step towards changing the political debate. He is going to be a formidable opponent for the Prime Minister.

PETER RIDDELL

'Society is more divided than at any time for 100 years. But our country need not be like this'

Blair tells Labour: Now we are the one-nation party

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ROBERT MORGAN

LABOUR is once again *the* "people's party", on the side of the vast majority and dedicated to a programme of national renewal, Tony Blair told the Labour Party conference yesterday.

In a speech that combined a contemptuous assault on the values and record of the Conservatives with a rare candour about Labour's own failings, Mr Blair set out his vision of where he would lead the country if he gained power.

He struck a strongly pro-European note, reaffirmed his commitment to tackling mass unemployment and introducing a national minimum wage and pledged reform of the welfare state. He gave his blessing to proposals for a voluntary national task force to take young people off the streets and put them to work on community projects.

But his most powerful messages came as he called for a "new politics" founded on the four pillars of opportunity, responsibility, fairness and trust. Britain had to be roused from its slumber and its people galvanised into tackling the problems that beset them.

"Our system of government has become outdated, our economy has been weakened, our people have been undereducated, our welfare state and public services have been run down, and our society has been made more divided than at any time for 100 years. But our politics need not be like this. Our country need not be like this."

Trust in politicians, had been eroded by the Tory years. Labour had to offer a new politics — "a politics of courage, honesty and trust. It means being open. It means telling it as it is, not opposing everything every other party does for the sake of it. If the Government are getting it right, as over Northern Ireland, we give credit . . .

"Let us be honest: straight, realistic. Those most in need of hope deserve the truth. Hope is not born of falsed promises; disillusion is. They are tired of dogma. They are tired of politicians pretending to have a monopoly on the answers.

"They are tired of glib promises broken as readily in office as they were made on the soap-box. When we make a promise, we must be sure we can keep it. That is page one, line one of a new contract between government and citizen."

Leadership was about the courage to say no as well as yes. He would not try to fool the unemployed by promising them a job overnight. Nor would he bow to left-wing demands to repeal all the Tory trade union laws. "No one believes strike ballots should be abandoned. So why do we say it? We should not and I won't."

Turning to the Government, Mr Blair said: "The tide of ideas in British politics is at last on the turn. For the first time in a generation it is the right wing that appears lost and disillusioned.

"[The public] are turning to our language. Today, politics is moving to our ground. Across the nation, across political boundaries, the Labour Party is once again able to represent all the British people, back on the side of the vast majority — to speak out for them and against the entrenched interests that hold them back.

"To parents wanting their children to be taught in classrooms that are not crumbling, to students with qualifications but no university place, let us say the Tories have failed you, we are on your side, your ambitions are our ambitions."

He went on: "We are back as the party of the majority in British politics. Back to speak up for Britain. Back as the people's party.

"It is time to take these Tories apart for what they have done to our country. Not because they lack compassion, though they do. But because they are the most feckless, irresponsible group of incompetents ever let loose in the government of Britain.

> After 15 years of sleaze in high places, Tory philosophy is the most effective yob creation scheme ever devised

"Their time is up. Their philosophy is done. Their experiment is over. Their failure is clear. It is time to go.

"At the end of 15 years, we are taxing and spending more, not to invest in future success but to pay for past failure. I don't mind paying taxes for education and health and the police. What I mind is paying them for unemployment, crime and social squalor.

"After 25 years we spend more of our national income on unemployment and poverty and less on education. If the share of national wealth invested in housing was the same as in 1979, we would spend £11 billion more; next year we will spend £11 billion on housing benefit.

"The Tory economics is based on on a view of the market that is crude, out of date and inefficient. And their view of society is one of indifference, to shrug their shoulders and walk away. They think we choose between self-interest and the interests of society or the country as a whole.

"In reality, self-interest demands that we work together to achieve what we cannot do on our own." He said that families worked best when its members helped and *sustained each other. The same* was true of communities and nations. "Community is not some piece of nostalgia. It means that we share. It means working together. It is about how we treat each other."

The Tory view was simple. "Let's just watch as the hospitals spring up, as the schools rise in green and pleasant playing fields. Let's sit tight on this planet of miracles where the free market builds business, trains employees, controls inflation, preserves demand, ensures everlasting growth.

"Let's congratulate ourselves that thanks to our inspiring inaction, the elderly live in comfort. The young play in safety. All around, people on this planet sing hymns to of gratitude to the invisible hand of the market as it brings equality and prosperity to all, as 'cascades of wealth' tumble down from generation to generation. Welcome to Planet Portillo.

"It is the theatre of the absurd. Market forces cannot educate us or equip us for this world of rapid technological and economic change. We must do it together. We cannot buy our way into a safe society. We must work for it together. We cannot purchase an option on whether we grow old. We must plan for it together.

"That is our insight. A belief in society. Working together. Solidarity. Co-operation. Partnership. These are our words. This is my *socialism and we should stop* apologising for using the word.

"It is not the socialism of Marx or state control, it is rooted in a straightforward view of society and the understanding that the individual does best in a strong and decent community of people with principles and standards."

In an appeal for party unity after gains by the left in the National Executive Committee elections yesterday, Mr Blair called on Labour supporters to back him with "head and heart" to make the party electable. A Labour government should be voted in not because people despised the Tories but because it was trusted.

"We have changed and we were right to change. Parties that don't change die and this party is a living movement, not an historical monument. We have not changed to forget our principles but to fulfil them, not to lose our identity but to keep our relevance.

"The task of renewing our nation is not for the faint-hearted, or the world-weary or cynical. It is not a task for those afraid of hard *choices, for those with complacent* views, or those seeking a comfortable life.

"At the next election, the voters will have had this Tory Government for 17 or 18 years. They may hate them but they know them. I want them now to know us. Our identity. Our character as a party. And change is an important part of that."

On welfare, Mr Blair said it should be about helping people to move on and move up. "Because the world has changed, the welfare state has to change with it. And we are the only people who can be trusted to change it because we are the people who believe in it. A nation at work, not on benefit: that is our pledge."

On education, Mr Blair said: "Education will be the passion of my government. I know how important the education of my children is to me. I will not tolerate children going to run-down schools with bad discipline, low standards, mediocre expectation or poor teachers, and nor should anyone else."

"If schools are bad they should be made good. If teachers can't teach properly they should not be teaching at all. And if the Government can't see why education matters, then sack the Government and get one that does."

Education could not be left to market forces. "Nor can our health service, *or our armed forces, or our* police. Neither should the railways or the Post Office. These are public services. They should be run for the public and they should stay in public ownership for the people of this country."

He wanted hospital resources released from the administrative chaos of opting out so that nurses could nurse again. He wanted schools released from form-filling and red tape so that teachers could teach again. And he wanted the uniformed services freed from paper-pushing so that the police could be put back on the beat again.

Expanding on his theme of being tough on crime and on the causes of crime, he said parents should exercise responsibility for their children, companies to their employees and community, ministers *to the truth and citizens to each* other. "The Labour Party is now the party of law and order in Britain today." He said that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, protested that he had been attacked for being too tough. He was dreaming. "He is attacked because he is long on rhetoric and short on policies that work." The unemployed youngster had no right to steal a radio but the authorities should be just as serious about catching people in the City "with an eye on your pension".

> All around, people sing hymns of gratitude. Welcome to Planet Portillo

The Thatcherites, Mr Blair said, used to boast that they were anti-establishment. But they never wanted to bust the establishment, just to buy their way into it. "If they are allowed to go on running the country in their interests, is it any wonder that it is not run in ours? So it is hardly surprising that 15 years of sleaze in high places has given birth to the yob culture. Tory philosophy is the most effective yob creation scheme ever devised."

Mr Blair outlined his plan to give work to the nearly one million young people who had no work, training or education. This was not just a waste of talent but the breeding ground for resentment, crime and drugs.

"The Social Justice Commission has called for a new civilian service, a voluntary national task force of young people given *constructive tasks to do. I support that.* I think they do as well."

Mr Blair also tried to steal the Tories clothes over the family. "The Tories have posed as the party of the family for too long. They are no more a party of the family than they are the party of law and order. They have done more to undermine stable family life in this country than any government in memory."

On taxation, the Labour leader told the conference: "If you ever want to know whose side the Tories are on, look at the tax system." Millionaires with the right accountant paid nothing while pensioners paid VAT on fuel. "Middle-income taxpayers get stung while perks and privileges at the top roll on unstopped . . . We will create a tax system that is fair, which is related to ability to pay, where the abuses end, the perks stop and where ordinary families are not squeezed to pay for the privileged."

On Europe, Mr Blair said that Britain's interests demanded "that this country is at the forefront of the development of the new Europe". But he would not be a pushover for Brussels. "Of course we should stand up for British interests, as others stand up for theirs. Indeed, we should be taking on the Common Agricultural Policy, costing the average British family £20 a week and about which the Tories do nothing.

"The Tories are playing politics with Europe and the future of this country. Under my leadership I will never allow this country to be isolated, cut off or left behind in Europe."

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SIMON WALKER



Blair addressing delegates yesterday: "We have changed and we were right to change. Parties that don't change die"



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Haiti junta's police chief flees across the border

FROM TOM RHODES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

LIEUTENANT-Colonel Michel François, the Haitian police chief who masterminded the 1991 military coup, was last night reported to have fled to the neighbouring Dominican Republic after being held up at the border.

It appeared that Colonel François, the burly commander of the force which has terrorised Haitians for three years, had not obtained the correct papers to enter the Dominican Republic, where his family is in a home believed to have been bought earlier this year.

United States officials believe the colonel's departure is a symbolic step towards a new Haitian democracy and the return of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled President who had been ousted by the coup in September 1991.

"His departure is an important step in the peaceful transition to democracy in this country," said Stanley Schrager, the US Embassy spokesman. "It has become very clear that there is a new sheriff in town, and that is the United States."

Meanwhile, the Pentagon announced yesterday that Port-au-Prince international airport would reopen to commercial traffic this morning.

There had been numerous rumours that Colonel François had fled the capital to seek sanctuary in the Dominican Republic, but it seems that the arrest of several policemen by US soldiers and the sight of officers burning their uniforms outside the police headquarters the previous day had been the final spur.

The colonel, the least accessible and most mysterious of Haiti's ruling triumvirate, was a graduate of the US Military Academy at Fort Benning and was reputed to have been a good officer. His reputation was ruined by the Haitian police force which, with its civilian auxiliaries, had suppressed pro-democracy movements through murder, rape and torture.

The man known ironically by many observers as "Sweet Micky" is believed to have led the coup against Mr Aristide with Lieutenant-General Raoul Cèdras, the commander of the military junta, who responded to the actions of his junior officer.

American officials believe the departure of Colonel François will put further pressure on General Cédras and Brigadier-General Philippe Biamby, the army chief of staff, to resign. General Cèdras is due to step down a week today, but says he will remain in the country after that date, while General Biamby is said to be the least willing to resign.

The two senior officers fell out with Colonel François earlier this year when it became increasingly apparent that he was in contact with Washington via relatives in the Dominican Republic. Since then the colonel had taken a much less prominent role and the US did not appear concerned about his position in any transition. Washington was interested only in the loyalty he has among paramilitary groups and merely wanted him to leave the country.

US forces have continued their more aggressive stance towards the Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti (FRAPH), the armed pro-military political party which had maintained a grip on Port-au-Prince and the provinces. At least five of its offices in the capital have been cleared by American soldiers who have arrested many armed Attachés belonging to the group. More than 4,000 illegal weapons have been secured by the US army since its arrival two weeks ago, and Colonel Barry Willey, the US military spokesman, said the disarming would continue. "Each day you are seeing a gradual reduction in the number of arms and the ability of the paramilitary groups to destabilise the country," he said.

Emmanuel Constant, the secretary-general of FRAPH, was due to give an address yesterday in which he was expected to call for complete allegiance to Mr Aristide from his members. The extraordinary volte-face by Mr Constant has led to speculation that he is not merely an opportunist but may have received funds set aside by the CIA to co-opt the Haitian President's opponents.



A Haitian policeman sitting in a US lorry after his arrest at the Port-au-Prince headquarters of the paramilitary FRAPH party

Armed looters seeking revenge

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

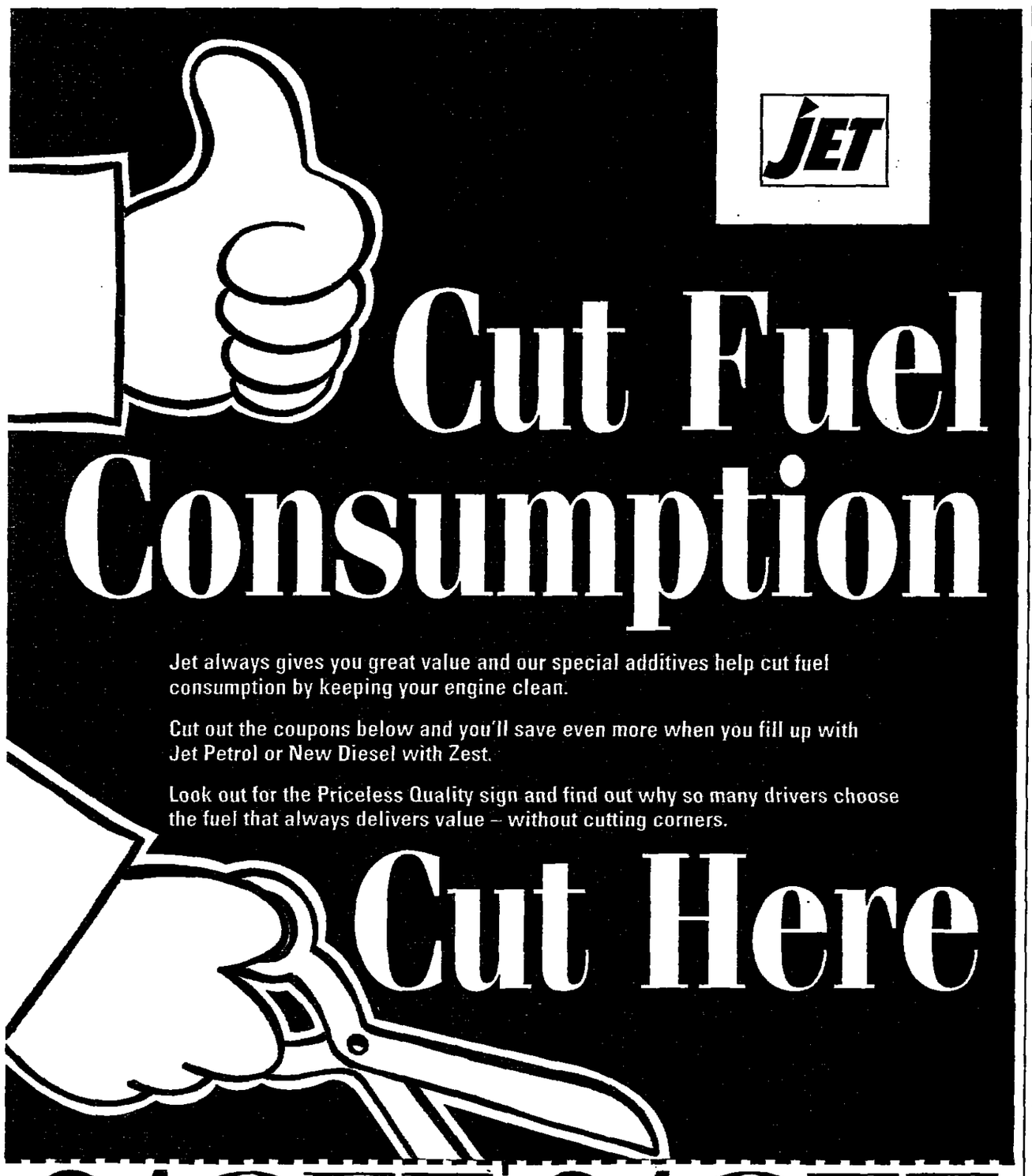
BRANDISHING knives, Haitians from the slums of La Saline near the city's port have taken matters into their own hands in the absence of jobs and food.

Sacks of flour and sugar are passed out of the windows of looted shops. Some people carry away the goods to hungry families. Others sell the items to passers-by.

American soldiers have tried to prevent violence but have done little to stop the looting. Many of the raided shops belong to Haitian military officers or corrupt business allies.

Slum dwellers believe that they are exacting retribution. Many shop owners have deliberately not released goods, waiting for shortages to push up prices.

International aid agencies have also fallen prey to the looters. Because of transport and logistical difficulties, food and medicine are stuck in warehouses in the capital and some supplies have suffered what observers have dubbed "accelerated distribution". Ian Guest, the United Nations spokesman in Haiti, estimates that 3,000 tonnes of food, nearly 20 per cent of aid supplies, have been stolen.



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NEWSBRIEF

Fake cash protest at IMF

Madrid: The world's rich and poor countries, beset by differences over money, began the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank yesterday amid a shower of fake dollar bills scattered by Greenpeace protesters, who had climbed scaffolding high above the auditorium in Madrid's new conference centre.

King Juan Carlos of Spain pressed on with his opening speech during the protest about the lack of money that governments put aside for environmental protection. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said later: "It was a very impressive piece of climbing." The protest had not disrupted the session, and "added a bit of light relief". *(Reuter)*

Mandela hailed

Washington: President Clinton welcomed President Mandela to the White House, saying his path to lead the new South Africa was "proof that the human spirit can never be crushed". *(AP)*

Trial delayed

Abuja: The treason trial of Chief Moshood Abiola, the Nigerian presidential claimant, was adjourned indefinitely. The military regime has suppressed protests by those demanding his release. *(Reuter)*

Mir mission

Moscow: A Russian rocket blasted off for the Mir space station. The crew includes a German scientist, and a Russian engineer who hopes to set an endurance record for women in space. *(AP)*

Ivory seized

Taipei: Customs officers seized two tonnes of elephant tusks worth more than £4.9 million in Taiwan's largest ever ivory seizure. The tusks were seized at the northern port of Keelung. *(AP)*

Ozone danger

Geneva: Destruction of the ozone layer, which screens out radiation harmful to people and crops, hit a record high over the Antarctic last month, the World Meteorological Organisation said. *(Reuter)*

Phone charge

New York: Ivy James Lay, a telephone technician in North Carolina, has been accused of running up a bill of $50 million (£31.8 million) by stealing customers' long-distance calling card numbers.

Seats of power

Bucharest: Electronic sensors are being put in the seats of Romanian senators to make sure that they are present for votes, and not giving their electronic voting cards to colleagues. *(Reuter)*

Clinton benefactor link to resignation of farm secretary

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE downfall of Mike Espy, who has resigned as the Agriculture Secretary over an ethics inquiry, was linked directly to Don Tyson, America's poultry king, who has long cultivated close ties with the Clintons.

Mr Espy was forced to resign in part for accepting gifts that included a free trip on a Tyson corporate jet — a favour often enjoyed too by President Clinton as Governor of Arkansas, when he also received big campaign contributions from the magnate. Indeed, the relationship between Mr Clinton and Mr Tyson, the state's biggest employer, was so close that Gore Vidal, the vitriolic American author, nicknamed Mr Clinton "Mr Chicken".

Tyson Foods is already included in the Whitewater investigation. The special prosecutor has issued a subpoena for records of thousands of dollars allegedly donated by the company to a secret fund used by Mr Clinton to finance his legislative programme in Arkansas.

The Tyson-Clinton connection goes back to the 1970s when the poultry producer supported the politician's first attempt to become Governor.



Espy: accepted gifts from poultry king

According to Mr Clinton's enemies, Tyson Foods was rewarded with increased weight limits for its huge lorries carrying frozen chickens to market and more lenient pollution standards for chicken waste discharged into the state's rivers. Most surprising of all, James Blair, a Tyson lawyer, helped Hillary Clinton to turn a $1,000 (£637) investment in the highly volatile market for cattle futures into a profit of $100,000.

Mr Espy, the first black Agriculture Secretary, was involved with the Tyson firm on a much smaller scale — receiving a small scholarship for his girlfriend, tickets to a Dallas Cowboys football game, and a flight to Washington.

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DURING Nelson Mandela's imprisonment, Archbishop Desmond Tutu became the voice of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. He will share his experience of life under oppression and the birth of South African democracy at a *Times*/Dillons Forum, introduced by Terry Waite, on Monday, October 24, at 7.30pm at Westminster Central Hall, Storeys Gate, London SW1. Archbishop Tutu will sign copies of *The Rainbow People of God* afterwards.

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Brazil voters put faith in Cardoso for era of stability

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZILIANS have elected Fernando Henrique Cardoso as their new President in the general election, according to exit poll results yesterday. They see him as their only chance of economic stability and of improving the country's image abroad.

Senhor Cardoso, 63, appears to have taken 47 per cent of Monday's popular vote. The official result is not due until next week. His left-wing rival, Luis Inacio "Lula" da Silva, took 23 per cent of the vote.

"It is already certain that Cardoso has won more votes than all his opponents put together," Marcos Coimbra, director of Vox Populi opinion polls, said.

Voters opted for Senhor Cardoso, the government-backed candidate and leader of a centre-left coalition, because he has been given credit for a plan, successful so far, to beat inflation. The former Foreign and Finance Minister in Itamar Franco's present government, Senhor Cardoso's plan has reduced inflation of 50 per cent in June to single figures this month.

"People have backed me because they are sure that I will stay on the path of economic reform and work hard to move away from a chaotic, unstable economy," Senhor Cardoso said as he celebrated his victory at home in Brasilia, the national capital.

At the beginning of the election campaign Senhor Cardoso commanded the support only of the elite in the country's main cities: but with the apparent end of inflation he also became popular with the largely poor and often illiterate majority of the population.

Foreign investors have also welcomed the result. They see in the President-elect an outspoken free marketeer who backs an accelerated privatisation programme. Although economists have been sceptical about the long-term prospects of the anti-inflation plan, it is the only plan introduced during the past decade that seems to be working. It introduced Brazilians to their ninth currency, the real, which was pegged to the American dollar.

The plan also includes a wage freeze and is likely to call for harsh austerity measures, expected to take a heavy toll especially among the 32 million people who live below the poverty line. Critics have also predicted price rises after the elections.

For now, however, there is a semblance of economic stability, something Brazilians rich or poor have not had for years. It has given the country a boost and voters have put their hope in Senhor Cardoso. He will also be expected to further Brazil's demand for a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council and to promote the country as a leading regional trading power.

A sociologist and former professor at São Paulo University, Senhor Cardoso is widely respected. His "Mr Clean" image, recently dented by the corruption links of his immediate aides, remains in place because he is seen as one of the few politicians who is not personally corrupt.

"We want to shrug off our image of being a corruption-ridden, economic basket case," Paulo Renato da Souza, spokesman of the coalition Senhor Cardoso leads, said.

The President-elect's only immediate problem is to make sure that the centre-left coalition he formed to win his election campaign does not disintegrate before he comes to office in December. His Social Democrat Party is small and he needs to build on alliances with several other parties, some of which have been at loggerheads with each other. Coalitions have never lasted long in Brazil.

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Fernando Henrique Cardoso preparing to vote in São Paulo in the election that, according to exit polls, has made him Brazil's President

First Lady aims for high profile in macho world

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI

CONFIDENT of her husband's victory in the elections, Ruth Cardoso cast her vote in Brasilia and said that she intended to change the traditionally passive role of South American First Ladies.

"I am not going to become another Susana Higuchi [the Peruvian First Lady who left her husband to campaign against him in elections]. I will stick by my husband, but when I have an opinion I'll voice it," she said. "Women have to take a more active role in running our country."

Senhora Cardosa, 64, an anthropologist who, like Fernando Henrique Cardosa, her husband, grew up in São Paulo, began her involvement in politics as a left-wing activist against military regimes. Again, like her husband, she has adopted more centrist, free-market ideas, and has headed the Brazilian Legion of Assistance, a charitable group working on social projects. "Ruth Cardoso plays an influential role not as a politician but as someone who will speak out about social problems and women's issues," said a spokesman of the centre-left coalition which Senhor Cardoso leads. "Some party members would probably like to see her as a Vice-President."

Senhora Cardoso, who has three children and three grandchildren, said that she would not give up her academic activities and charity work when she moves into the presidential Planalto Palace in Brasilia. She is also due to head a Brazilian delegation at a social sciences council meeting in New York in December.

She is an outspoken defender of women's rights in a traditionally macho society. Married for 40 years, Senhora Cardoso lived in exile with her husband from 1964 until 1968, when Brazil was enduring brutal years of repression under a military dictatorship. It was then that Senhor Cardosa began travelling regularly to Europe and became a visiting social sciences professor at Oxford. His two-month visits at the university lasted until 1972.

Senhora Cardoso's promise to change the role of First Lady will be generally welcomed. One of her predecessors, Rosane Collor, gained notoriety when she admitted that she had used public funds stolen by her husband, Fernando Collor, to finance a bigger collection of shoes than that which was bought by Imelda Marcos, the disgraced widow of the Philippines dictator.

Fatigue forces cartoonist to draw the line

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

GARY Larson, the quirky American cartoonist whose creations range from off-beat to off-the-wall, has announced that he is retiring to give his strange brain a rest.

Larson's "The Far Side" cartoons, featuring wicked puns, anthropomorphised creatures and a sprinkling of insanity, feature in some 1,900 publications around the world. But the cartoonist said he was suffering from "simple fatigue", and his last "The Far Side" will appear in newspapers on January 1. Larson, 44, said he was retiring because "of a fear that if I continue for many more years my work will begin to suffer, or at the very least ease into the Graveyard of Mediocre Cartoons". His drawings reflect a refreshing tinge of malice at a time when non-political American cartoons are losing their bite.

Jake Morrissey, the cartoonist's editor at the Universal Press Syndicate, said yesterday that, while the series would end this year, "the books and calendars will continue for the foreseeable future".



Guns-for-therapy offered in California

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

IN A decidedly Californian twist in the "gifts for guns" technique, an association of psychologists near San Francisco is offering three hours of free therapy to owners of firearms who turn in their weapons to local police.

David O'Grady, a psychologist from suburban Contra Costa County, east of San Francisco, believes he and his colleagues can offer gun owners what they really need: a new way of coping with anger and fear.

"There are people out there who know they have a problem with anger and sincerely want to learn new skills for dealing with it," Mr O'Grady said. "There are people who own guns because they are afraid and want to find other means of coping with their fears."

The death rate from firearms in Mr O'Grady's neighbourhood has risen by 247 per cent in the past decade, while the population has risen by just 22 per cent.

Gun swaps have in recent months become a favourite method of reducing the number of firearms on America's streets in the hope of curbing the country's epidemic of urban violence.

Gun owners, from Brooklyn to Haiti, have so far been offered more obviously alluring rewards than psychiatric counselling, however. Last Christmas a New York philanthropist offered gang members sports equipment in return for their guns, while Los Angeles police have tried the same approach with rock concert tickets. Most recently the occupying American forces seeking to end violence in Haiti have offered gun owners money in a straightforward "buy back" scheme.

Michael Maehler, Contra Costa police chief, is nevertheless taking Mr O'Grady's guns-for-therapy programme seriously. "A lot of people are looking at this as some kind of joke," he admitted. "That's not my feeling at all. If there is an opportunity to save some lives by having psychological services available, that seems worth doing to me."

Mr Maehler's officers will collect the guns and hand out $300 (£191) therapy vouchers for each one.

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Ex-Nato official tells of years as East German spy

FROM MATTHEW BEARD IN DÜSSELDORF

A FORMER senior Nato official yesterday confessed to 12 years of spying against the West in which he drew his English wife into leaking highly classified information from the alliance's European headquarters in Brussels.

Rainer and Ann-Christine Rupp, alias Topaz and Turquoise, were arrested in July last year when they were tracked down in Germany after an international intelligence operation to seek out the culprits in the biggest security leak in Nato history. Herr Rupp, 49, admitted at the Supreme Court in Düsseldorf to collaborating with the East German secret service, the Stasi, saying he wanted to contribute to the international socialist movement and to punish the "hypocritical" West German government. He was hired during a 1968 student demonstration in Mainz, West Germany, by Kurt, a Stasi recruiter. Kurt told him that student demonstrations were futile and that "one man can achieve as much as an army".

In 1970, Herr Rupp met his future wife, who was a secretary for the British mission to Nato. He said he had been placed in Brussels by his East German controllers to "get a foot in the door" at the headquarters either of Nato or the European Community.

Herr Rupp said yesterday he told his wife-to-be before their engagement in 1970 that he was an East German spy and attempted to explain his motives. "I tried to pass on my knowledge, but she listened against her will because she wasn't on my wavelength and thought that I was naive," Herr Rupp said.

During a briefing by his Stasi controllers in East Berlin in 1970, Herr Rupp revealed that his fiancée knew of his espionage activities and managed to convince them he could return to the West as he was reliable and loyal.

But Herr Rupp admitted in court that he had gone back to her with "chattering teeth" at the prospect of falling into the hands of the West German police. "If she didn't betray me then, I knew we'd stay together," he said.

In 1971, she got a secretarial job in the international department of Nato, where she was able to monitor anti-espionage operations and warn her fiancé if he was under surveillance.

> "Destroy everything, keep the money. Good luck"

About a year before their marriage in 1972, the couple travelled under false passports to East Berlin and Leningrad, where Herr Rupp was trained in document reproduction and information supply. He said his fiancée was "very shocked" at the extent of his links with the Stasi. In 1977, Herr Rupp was given a senior position by Nato's economic directorate, where he said he began supplying documents "relevant to my leaders in East Berlin".



Rupp: hired by Stasi at student demonstration

These included papers from the Nato cosmic top-secret file, covering draft proposals for the organisation's Security Council, annual reports by the Secretary-General and his biggest coup, the MC161 report from 1988 covering all alliance intelligence on Warsaw Pact countries. These were transferred to East German couriers during meetings in bars in various European cities. Herr Rupp said in Brussels he learnt that "Nato was an instrument of America that wanted to beat down the socialist system", an impression that, he said, gave him a new impetus to supply more information.

However, in 1980 Frau Rupp was showing resistance and "on the verge of a nervous breakdown". Herr Rupp said. He said he was afraid about how his controllers in East Berlin would react if his wife were to refuse to turn up at meetings. "I successfully appealed to her to continue attending and give the impression that we were united behind the Stasi."

He told how his spying activities came to an end abruptly in December 1989, when he was instructed by a short-wave radio message from East Berlin to "destroy everything and keep the money. Good luck!"

He allegedly received monthly payments of up to £1,200 and a lump sum of £40,000 from the East German government to buy a house in West Germany.

Herr and Frau Rupp, 46, are both charged with espionage and high treason. The trial continues.



A Communist marking the 1993 uprising at the Russian Defence Ministry yesterday

Yeltsin prepared to have Communists in Moscow Cabinet

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A YEAR after Russian tanks blasted President Yeltsin's besieged opponents in the Moscow White House, the Russian leader yesterday held out an olive branch to his hardline Communist foes. At a press conference marking the anniversary of the bloody uprising, President Yeltsin hinted that three years after the Communist Party was driven from power it may once again have a place in the Kremlin.

"Renovation is a natural process in any living organism," said the Russian leader, when asked whether he would consider having a Communist minister in his Cabinet. "The government is a living organism and changing one or two ministers is quite possible. There is no sin in an opposition member joining the government. It would only contribute to social stability."

Although he refused to spell it out, observers were convinced his remarks were directed at Gennadi Zyuganov, leader of the official Communist Party of Russia. With 48 seats in parliament, it has been one of the President's most vocal critics, but Mr Zyuganov reportedly discussed joining the government when he met Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, last week.

About 1,500 pro-Communist demonstrators formed a human chain round the parliamentary building yesterday morning and observed a minute's silence in memory of the people who died in the assault last October. The crowd included members of the Russian Communist Party and hardline nationalist organisations, and former MPs.

Mr Yeltsin, in an indication of his confidence, said he had no intention of postponing presidential elections scheduled for the summer of 1996, nor would he alter the course of present reforms to liberalise the economy. "We are building a new Russia without evil, blood and deception, and remember those who died, regardless of whether they were defending democracy or were on the side of those pushing Russia towards civil war."

However, Mr Yeltsin did reveal that factional fighting has continued within the Kremlin. He confirmed yesterday that he had to intervene to halt squabbling between his aides and even had to halt a power struggle in the military.

The dispute in the armed forces occurred when General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, attempted to place the Border Guards and their commander, Andrei Nikolayev, under his ministry's command. Mr Yeltsin said that he had resolved the dispute by issuing a decree which kept the Border Guards outside the control of the ministry.

Mutiny in Baku raises fears for Western oil deal

BY ANATOL LIEVEN

MUTINOUS paramilitary police in the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan yesterday continued their armed protest against the government of President Aliyev, defying a state of emergency declared on Monday.

Telephone lines to Azerbaijan have been cut and an explosion shook the capital, Baku, last night, injuring 15 people. The latest crisis calls into question a £4.6 billion oil deal signed last month by Mr Aliyev with a Western oil consortium that includes British Petroleum. Azerbaijani officials have hinted that Russia has provoked the crisis to block the deal, which Moscow regards as a threat to its interests.

Britain yesterday expressed concern, adding that Azerbaijan was at a "critical juncture" with the possibility of a peaceful settlement in Nagorno-Karabakh and the oil agreement offering the promise of sustained economic development. By singling out the possible threat to the BP deal, Britain appears to be sending a signal to Moscow, in advance of the Queen's visit, that relations would suffer if it was found that Russia had fomented the trouble.

The mutiny of the special police force began on Sunday after three of its number were arrested on suspicion of carrying out the assassination last week of two leading pro-Aliyev officials. The force then stormed the offices of Azerbaijan's General Prosecutor, Ali Umarov, beating him and taking him hostage for several hours. They later retired to their heavily fortified barracks, where they are now surrounded by government troops and demanding the release of their comrades and the dismissal of leading government ministers. President Aliyev described the protest as an "attempted coup d'état".

Isolated Bosnian Serbs find allies in UN against bombing threats

FROM TIM JUDAH IN PALE

AS TOTAL isolation takes effect, things are changing in the Bosnian Serb headquarters town of Pale, cut off by Serbia's blockade for two months. There is no softening of the leadership's political stance, but two important developments are emerging.

The first, in true Balkan style, is the newfound common interest of the UN and Bosnian Serb leaders. The second is a sharp decline in morale, leading to a new wave of Bosnian Serb emigration.

William Perry, the US Secretary of Defence, met top UN officials this week to discuss more robust use of Nato airpower against Bosnian Serb targets. Until now targets have included, by accident or design, an ambulance, a small artillery piece and an old, unmanned tank. Last week one US congressman spoke for many when he railed against "this pinprick stuff". Hawks in Nato, the Americans are demanding that strategic sites now be targeted.

On Saturday, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander for Bosnia, and other top UN officials met the Bosnian Serb leadership in Pale to restore relations after the last Nato airstrike.

The atmosphere was remarkably cordial because both sides now have a tactical interest in fending off American demands via Nato for serious bombing targets. "If any of our ammunition dumps go, that's the end of Unprofor," said a top Bosnian Serb official who asked not to be named. "The UN has a job to do and those people in the sky (Nato jets) are making it very difficult."

UN officials on the ground are horrified by the prospect of being pushed into bombing "serious" targets, because they know that it will mean that blue helmets will be left vulnerable and probably taken hostage. In private, they are practically frothing at the mouth at what they see as American folly which will endanger the lives of British, French and other soldiers.

Asked whether the new coincidence of UN and Bosnian Serb interests was discussed at last Saturday's meeting, the official said: "They did not need to speak about something so obvious."

Two months into their isolation, Bosnian Serb leaders have no new ideas on how to break the political deadlock. "As far as we are concerned, the situation has not changed," said the senior official. "We hope that the international community will come to its senses and reconsider the present (peace plan) map." It was this map that was rejected by Bosnian Serb voters in a referendum in August.

But the major powers who have been much encouraged by Serbia's decision to close the border are now waiting for the Bosnian Serbs to "come to their senses", not the other way round. While the leadership is sticking to its ground, it is clear that morale among ordinary people has never been so low. The best indicator of this is that those professional people who were committed to the cause have quietly begun to slip away. In the last two months they have concluded either that they are living in a country with no future or in one condemned to war without end.

Most people are deeply confused by Serbia's blockade. By far the worst thing to bear is the total isolation, above all the cutting off of telephone lines. People can no longer speak to their families in Serbia or abroad, and for the first time the wisdom of the leadership of Radovan Karadzic is being questioned, if not yet challenged, and there is increasingly open grumbling about alleged widespread corruption at the top.

British among first to resume air links

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

LONDON will be the first Western city to resume air links with the former Yugoslavia after the easing of sanctions and the expected reopening of Belgrade airport to international traffic today.

It will, however, be several days before flights between the two capitals take place because Jat, the Yugoslav airline, is awaiting clearance from the Department of Trade and Industry and British aviation authorities. The resumption of air links comes as Sarajevo airport remained closed for the ninth consecutive day yesterday. The Bosnian Serbs want more control over what passes through the airport and the payment of fees and taxes.

The United Nations agreed on Monday to allow transport, cultural and sporting links with the rump Yugoslavia to resume for an initial period of 100 days as a reward to President Milosevic of Serbia for trying to force the Bosnian Serbs to accept the latest peace plan.

Belgrade airport has been closed to international flights since June 1992. The first arrival is expected to be an Aeroflot jet carrying Vitali Churkin, the Russian envoy, to meet Mr Milosevic today.

Gibraltar turns to Dorset for anthem

BY NICHOLAS BETHELL

SOON after last month's celebration of its National Day, the two-square-mile territory of Gibraltar is preparing to take a further important step towards full nationhood. In a few days' time its national anthem will be performed for the first time.

The event, coming amid increasing demands for self-determination for the Rock, has political significance. A £5,000 prize for the successful entry has been won by Peter Emberley of Wimborne, Dorset, who describes himself as "a composer of gospel songs, radio themes and jingles". He has never visited the colony. He will receive royalties when the song is performed, although copyright control has been given to the Gibraltar government.

His entry, submitted on a "demo" tape in a version sung by a local Dorset gospel singer and accompanied only on the piano, was selected from 200 others by a panel of British and Gibraltar judges.

The opening lines are:

Gibraltar, Gibraltar, the rock on which I stand,
May you be for ever free, Gibraltar, my own land.
Mighty pillar, rock of splendour, guardian of the sea,
Port of hope in times of need, rich in history.

European Union split over plan for expanding to East

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN LUXEMBOURG

NEW moves to bring six Eastern European countries closer to EU membership were announced yesterday, but the tentative decision revealed deep differences between governments over how far and how fast links should be forged.

European Union Foreign Ministers announced that they will organise joint meetings with Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Bulgaria. They also commissioned a report from Sir Leon Brittan, the British Commissioner, on how former Communist economies can best adapt to the laws and practices of the market they wish to join. However, the EU has been announcing a series of joint meetings with East European governments for most of this year, and ministerial talks regularly fail to settle divisions over how far such encounters should deal with matters of substance.

States such as Germany and Britain, which want to force the pace of work with the East, are calling for a fixed programme of joint summits and meetings between ministers handling subjects ranging from foreign affairs to culture. France, Belgium and the Mediterranean states fear that a rapid eastward expansion of the EU could radically reshape Union policies in such areas as farm and regional subsidies, from which they benefit.

Five countries, led by France and Belgium, said after yesterday's discussions that the details of meetings with Eastern European governments had not yet been hammered out and would go back into committee. A Belgian official said the five ministers were not yet satisfied about the frequency of the meetings and wanted better guarantees that EU decision-making would not be diluted by the presence of non-member ministers.

Sir Leon's report for an EU summit next summer will cover only the East's adjustments to the single market.

Berlusconi 'suppressing' report



Berlusconi: under fire over media interests

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

A REPORT by three "wise men" into the potential conflict of interest posed by Silvio Berlusconi's television empire is being suppressed by the Italian Prime Minister, it was claimed yesterday.

The experts presented the report to the Prime Minister's office last Thursday. But he has rebuffed opposition entreaties to make it public.

The wise men are Antonio La Pergola, a former minister, Giorgio Crisci, president of the Council of State, and Agostino Gambino, a lawyer. The Prime Minister came under pressure to publish the document as magistrates stepped up enquiries into Fininvest, his holding company, including allegations that quiz shows on his stations were rigged to bribe public officials and alleged accounting fraud by the co-founder of his Forza Italia party.

Signor Berlusconi told a television interviewer on Monday he had not yet read the wise men's report. "I have not had time. I have been too busy with the budget," he said.



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Italy honours family of transplant boy

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALY continued to shower honours yesterday on an American couple whose son Nicholas, seven, was shot dead by bandits in southern Italy last week.

President Scalfaro presented a gold medal to Margaret Green and her husband, Reginald, a financial journalist of British origin, who attended a ceremony at the Quirinal palace with their daughter Eleanor, four. Transplants from the boy's liver, heart, pancreas and kidneys helped to save the lives of five young Italians.

"I had a great desire above all to say how we join in your suffering and then to express the admiration — mine and that of the Italian people and each of us — for your generosity and your courage," the head of state told the couple a short time before they left Italy for California.

On Monday they appeared on a television programme whose host, Maurizio Costanzo, said: "They have taught us what it means to be civilised. We are truly in the debt of this couple."

The Green family were ambushed as they were driving on the Salerno-Reggio Calabria highway last Thursday. Nicholas was shot in the head and lapsed into a coma. He died in hospital two days later.

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Baghdad threatens UN over sanctions

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AFTER the price of most goods doubled in the past week, Iraq yesterday threatened a new showdown with the United Nations unless crippling sanctions imposed four years ago are eased.

Al-Jumhuriya, the mouthpiece of President Saddam Hussein, said that unless the embargo was softened Iraq would no longer co-operate with Ralph Ekeus, the UN envoy who arrived in Baghdad on Monday for talks on a long-term armaments monitoring system. The newspaper accused the Swedish expert of reneging on promises to ease sanctions in return for co-operation in eliminating Iraq's weapons prohibited under the 1991 Gulf War ceasefire.

"Unless you [Mr Ekeus] offer Iraq something ... you will not get from us that open, serious and honest co-operation," *al-Jumhuriya* said. *Babel*, the Baghdad daily published by Saddam's eldest son, Uday, said: "To deter America ... it is time to find other ways of dealing with it and its envoy, the accursed [Mr Ekeus]."

The UN envoy is due to report to the Security Council this month amid growing pressure from France and Russia to end the sanctions, particularly the oil embargo. The move is being resisted by America and Britain, who believe the sanctions are finally causing the regime to totter.

The new threats against the UN are said by diplomats in Baghdad to reflect the increasing bite of the sanctions. Last week they drove the regime to slash subsidised food rations by up to 50 per cent, which prompted the drastic escalation of prices.

"The threats may be serious, but the continuing sanctions have deprived the Iraqis of many options," one envoy said. "They can, for example, suspend [UN] inspections and co-operation with arms annihilation and monitoring. I do not think the anti-Iraq alliance is so coherent to bomb Baghdad for that."

The crisis comes as heavy punishments — many beyond those sanctioned by Sharia (Islamic law) — have been ordered in Iraq to try to counter the wave of crime and army desertion.

Dealing in foreign currency and forging official documents are now punishable by amputation of the hand. On August 18 it was decreed that those whose hands are cut off should also be branded with an X between the eyes, although such mutilation is forbidden by the Koran. A week later it was announced that army deserters and those who shelter them will lose an ear and be branded. Despite the order, nearly 100 deserters a week are reportedly crossing covertly into the northern area under Kurdish control where opposition is centred. Many are bringing their families.

Until yesterday's hiatus, a probation period for the long-term arms monitoring scheme had been expected to begin next month. France and other countries argued that, if successful over six months and accompanied by Iraqi recognition of Kuwait, the weapons check should be followed by the lifting of the oil embargo, which has hampered the economy. Many French industrialists have thronged Baghdad in recent weeks hoping to resume business after the oil trade continues.

The defiant Baghdad regime has blamed its own traders for the shortage of staple foods and the rapid price rises.



A Japanese soldier putting up barbed wire at Goma airport, in Zaire, which has become a temporary home for Rwandan refugees

US urges separate genocide court for Rwanda

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

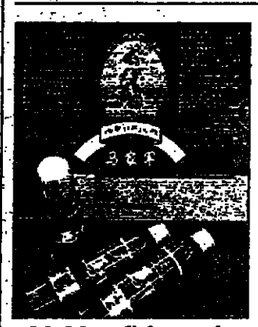
THE United States, which is rejecting a United Nations proposal for a joint tribunal for genocide in Rwanda and war crimes in the former Yugoslavia, is pressing instead for the creation of a separate international court for each.

New Zealand and the United States have circulated a proposal to UN Security Council members, in which Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia would share the same international prosecutor and appeals bench, but have their own trial chambers.

Diplomats say that most Security Council members are broadly in favour of the plan, and that it should be adopted this month. "There was a feeling among the delegations that there was a need for a separate legal identity to show that Rwanda was not second-class," one Western official said.

A special UN commission recommended earlier this week that, in the interests of efficiency and legal consistency, the newly created Yugoslav war crimes tribunal should handle cases from Rwanda. The commission, estimating that as many as one million Rwandans had died in the massacres that began in April, said: "It is unlikely the world will ever know the exact number of men, women and children slaughtered in this holocaust."

The three Africans on the commission said there was evidence that Hutu extremists had carried out a deliberate genocide of the Tutsi minority. The Tutsis had also committed "crimes against humanity" but there was, as yet, no evidence of genocide.



Mr Ma's elixir on sale in Hiroshima yesterday

Japanese shops expect run on athletes' elixir

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

IT IS murky brown, sickly sweet, and smells almost as bad as it tastes. Japanese, however, are expected to flock to buy Ma's Army Number One, a Chinese "miracle drink" that has gone on sale this week at £4.50 for a bottle containing two fluid ounces.

The elixir contains turtle blood, moth larvae, and Korean ginseng root, among other curious substances, and was developed by Ma Junren, the Chinese track coach, whose long-distance women runners broke a string of world records last year.

Mr Ma, 49, has claimed that the beverage is a key to the extraordinary performances of his women's track team, known internationally as "Ma's Army". The Chinese women runners burst on to the international circuit last year by breaking several world records at the Chinese National Championships, and then sweeping the distance events at the World Championships in Stuttgart.

The coach has since hit out in the overseas press about the lack of funds and government support to train his runners. Mr Ma then established a company to market his drink and "high-energy" meat preparations in China, promising that he would plough the profits back into training his athletes.

The Japanese campaign for Mr Ma's elixir is pinned on the increasing fame of the coach. The promotional material claims that the drink not only generates high energy for "salary men" and provides stamina, but will also cure almost every ill.

Britain's stars rise in South Africa

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

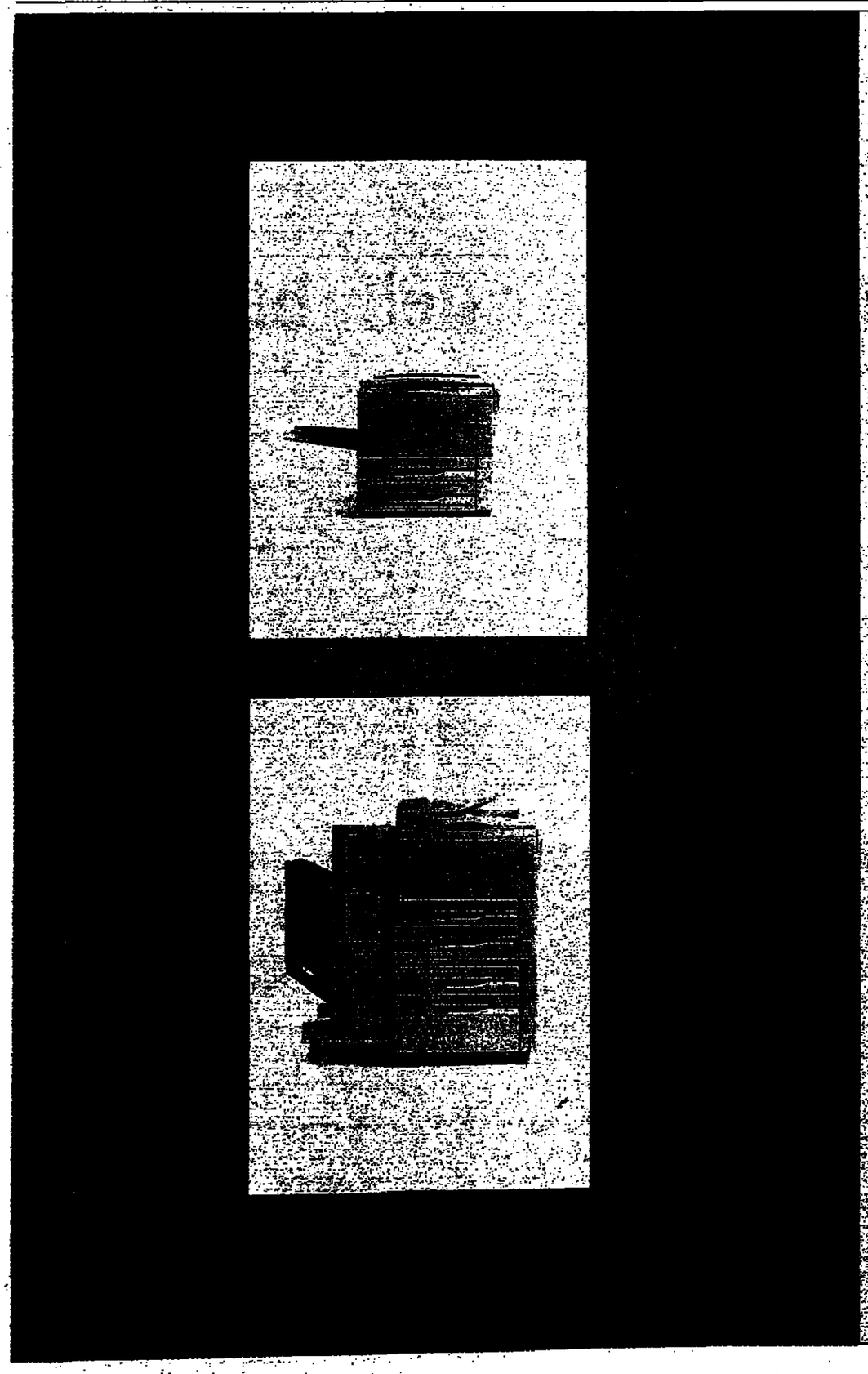
NOW that the cultural boycott of South Africa is truly over, its population is being treated to a feast of British talent. Television screens are now awash with the likes of Benny Hill, *To The Manor Born*, *Fawlty Towers* and *The Darling Buds of May*, and *Only Fools and Horses* is about to prove how omnipresent David Jason is.

Sir Ian McKellen, the classical actor, is heading a team of experts from the Royal National Theatre who are conducting workshops with South African actors, designers, directors and managers. The team also includes Lady Soames, chairwoman of the theatre, Richard Eyre, its director, and Anthony Sher, the actor, who was born in Cape Town. The workshops are conducted by the Royal National Theatre Studio under the direction of Sue Higginson.

McKellen and Sher gave a lecture this week on *Richard III* at the Witwatersrand University, which was packed with South African theatrical personalities and students.

The workshops are being held at the Market Theatre, which has for the past 18 years taken a leading role in developing a multiracial arts environment despite the apartheid regime. Now that apartheid has ended, the theatre and arts complex has fallen on hard times.

British musicians have also been visiting South Africa: Sting and UB40 are here now and Jethro Tull are due to arrive shortly. Sting seems to have been giving better interviews than performances, for what he says has led culture sections in various papers, while his music was received with only mild enthusiasm.



Humble pie for the Haiti elite

The rich face the tab for their greed

THE ARRIVAL of American forces has brought a sense of foreboding among the restaurateurs of Petionville, the mountainside suburb of Port-au-Prince frequented by Haiti's very rich. First they had lost the Baltic mousse, the Roquefort and the terrine de volaille. Now they are beginning to fear for their livelihood.

Some, such as Gerard Baltazard, who runs Chez Gerard, a restaurant once featured as one of the best in the Caribbean, have apparently left the country. His wife, Louison, maintains the business, but its clientele has dropped to a handful.

At Les Cascades, an eaterie frequented by Lieutenant General Raoul Cédras, the leader of the Haitian military junta, there are no longer private parties and jazz bands at weekends. While it is still possible to drink Dom Perignon for £70 a bottle, probably cheaper than anywhere else in the world, the menu has suffered at the hands of a United Nations embargo preventing all imported goods, destroying the electricity grid. The owner, Jacques Bonnefil, is no longer concerned that he is unable to serve Norwegian salmon to those still prepared to frequent his establishment of white-clothed cedar tables, fountains and walls of expensive Haitian art. "The people are looting in the streets of our capital," says Mr Bonnefil. "What is to prevent them coming in here and ripping this place to pieces?"

Dom Perignon at £70 is still probably cheaper than anywhere else

Regular customers from the Haitian business community are often too scared to venture out at night in the knowledge that their protective ring of armed police and paramilitary gangs no longer provides a cushion from *hoi polloi*. Ballroom dancing has been cancelled at the El Rancho Hotel for the second week running and most of the aristocracy is now locked behind guarded gates.

"What you have to understand is that these people are not Haiti," said an elegant mulatto woman sitting at a table in La Souvenance, another restaurant favoured by the bourgeoisie. "The reality is that they were brought here centuries ago as slaves, and they are still slaves."

IN THE slums of the capital, meanwhile, the poorest people in the Western hemisphere are haggling over a stock of army rations provided by a humanitarian agency. Equality is never likely, but poetic justice does perhaps prevail in Haiti.

TOM RHODES

A turbulent, doomed romance with Nicol Williamson: Part Four of the memoirs of Sarah Miles

The moment when love died

I was offered a play opposite Nicol Williamson, at the Royal Court, one of those nitty-gritty northern jobs — called *Kelly's Eye*. It was pretty much a two-hander, mostly set in sand dunes.

Nicol was the epitome of the angry young man. He was a tall bear of a man, with fine curly blond hair. I never managed to work out how much of him was a Scot and how much a Northerner. The chip on his shoulder was so vast it dug right down into a great inner cavern.

Rehearsals weren't easy. Nicol, being such a powerful personality, repeatedly undermined the director's authority and sometimes did not show up at all.

On the first night, Nicol had a completely new character, doing completely strange business at completely different places all over the stage. I'd go to a particular spot to start a scene, only to spy Nicol on the opposite side of the stage, whittling some wretched piece of wood, for instance, or about some other business he'd never done before.

How I got through I don't know. It was, without doubt, a most unfeeling thing to do to someone with so little experience. I closed my dressing-room door and wept.

I didn't bother to read all the reviews, having got the gist after the first few.

One night we must have been roughly five minutes into the first act of *Kelly's Eye* when Addo, my snow-white hound, sauntered on-stage. Someone must have opened my dressing-room door. Even Nicol was nonplussed.

"What a big dog," I said, going over to Addo. The audience was entranced. Nicol stood there refusing to believe it wasn't a dream. If eyes could kill, both Addo and I would be dead. How I wished I'd thought of letting Addo out on the first night. So skilfully was I able to blend Addo into the plot, though, that even Nicol eventually began to enjoy the audience's delight to him. At the end of the first act our two characters had to move into a bedsit in the local town, and I asked the Nicol character if we could take the dog into town with us.

"No," said the Nicol character firmly. I heard sad sighing from the auditorium.

"Who opened the ****ing door?" bellowed Nicol in the interval. Silence. He came into my dressing room while I was changing for the second act.

"Lock your door this time, and keep it locked."

"Nicol, I think it would be wiser to take him on with us, otherwise the audience . . ."

"He stays locked in here, is that clear?"

When the Act Two lights went up all we could hear were concerned murmurings from the audience.

"Where's the dog?"

"What have they done with that beautiful dog?"

It was almost impossible to continue with the play, because we couldn't hear ourselves speak. I was thoroughly enjoying myself. I felt I was getting my own back. I knew we should have brought Addo back for the second act, and judging by the sounds from the audience I wasn't alone.

Nicol was a mysterious chap, such a mixture of contradictions, conflicting moods, emotions, and talent. It was partly because he pretended not to give a damn about anything — although he did hugely underneath — and partly because he appealed to the snob in me that I found myself, reluctantly at first, drawn to him.

One evening he took me to the house of a friend who had a piano and there Nicol sang his way right through to my bones. I see now, with hindsight, that Nicol was my nest of demons. I let myself be wooed by his mellow singing voice. Such a magical sound that gradually it moved away from my ears, and down towards my heart, where it got tangled up with fashionable new-wave yearnings together with my inverted snobbery.

GORMAN



Sarah Miles in *Kelly's Eye*, 1963: Williamson reduced her to tears on the first night

Nicol came to live with me in my new home in Hasker Street. After our stint at the Royal Court, he was never far from my side, content to focus all his energies — and formidable they were, too — just on me.

Our life was simple and uncluttered. During the first few months, everything was as it should be with a new love — as long as I turned a blind eye to tantrums. Sadly, these became more regular as the months passed and I found it disconcerting to be powerless while witnessing him wrestle with his dark devils.

Inevitably, tension in Hasker Street began to mount, and I decided to take Nicol and Addo to Shag Rock, our holiday home down in Cornwall.

Mother hadn't met Nicol until that moment in the kitchen at Shag Rock the following weekend. She was polite to him, and to begin with Nicol was charming to her. But as the evening wore on, Nicol allowed the maudlin and cantankerous side of his nature to emerge — a tedious state of affairs, and sadly common among drinkers. Mother sat there stiff as a board while Nicol meandered on an on about his childhood. It might have been riveting, but neither mother nor I could follow his inebriated gist. As soon as she could, Mother excused herself.

"Well, Nicol, it's my bedtime. Goodnight."

Up in her room that night, she sat at her dressing table brushing her hair.

"I'm off home tomorrow."

Two miles from Shag Rock, in the village of Veryan, there was a great pub with a piano. The publican heard Nicol singing there at lunchtime and asked him if he would like to entertain one night. Nicol jumped at this opportunity. What followed was a revelation.

Each night Nicol sang, and each night the pub filled up a bit more. He was the genuine article, blossoming into the gentlest of Pied Pipers.

Why did those magnificent highs we experienced nightly in the pub have to be complemented with depleting lows? After the pub closed and we drove back I found myself becoming scared as my Pied Piper disintegrated before my eyes.

Days were unbearable as well. I woke up one morning to find Olga, the daily help, knocking on my bedroom door.

"Miss Sarah, I'm sorry to bother you but your friend . . . is all curled up on the lawn."

"Maybe he's sunbathing." Olga drew the curtains on another rainy day and, sure enough, there was Nicol all curled up, soaked to the skin. She gave me one of her specials: a withering look from the corner of her witch-like Cornish eye.

"Just take no notice of him, Olga."

I felt irritated. Probably a bit guilty, too, for I had a feeling Nicol was performing his dying-of-cancer farce because I had made him sleep in the spare room. However, Nicol stayed on the lawn for three days (except for his pub performances).

On the fourth evening he became violent (though he never harmed me), and when I asked him to sleep in the spare room the ensuing racket of objects smashing resounded around the house. The ultimate in houseproud, Mother wouldn't have taken kindly to some excellent antiques being broken into pieces. So when I heard the mirror crash I knew I had to do something.

I remembered it was possible to crawl out of the bathroom window and into the spare bedroom via the roof. I crept out along the side of the roof, clinging to the bathroom windowframe. With an effort, I was able to grab the frame of the bedroom window and haul myself in. As I secured my footing inside the window, he turned and saw me.

Losing all sense of what *he* was doing, Nicol charged at me like a raging bull. I fell backwards out of the window and went on a journey at some speed down the roof. Thank God for gutters.

As I hung there, miles from the ground and miles from the spare room, I looked up to see what Nicol was doing about my attempted murder. Even worse than committing murder, surely, is not checking to see if your victim's dead? There was no sign of him. Evidently he hated me more than I knew. I waited there a few moments longer, hoping that Nicol would come first to his senses and then to my rescue. He didn't, so I had to close my eyes and surrender to my fate. A twisted ankle later, I resolved that my days as Florence Nightingale were over.



Angry young man: Williamson

At this thought, something shifted in me. Freedom came galloping up, stamping out and flattening the last glowing embers of passion. Sad, though, all the same, that moment when love dies.

I'd hung in with Nicol because deep within him I knew there was a man worth pulling for, beautiful as the talent itself. But now all my pulling power was used up. I had failed to pull off the veil covering Nicol's lost self. Half-hearted as my attempts might have been, I never blamed him for what he did that day, and told no one apart from my family. How could I blame him when perhaps I was the villain, my heart in two places at once?

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Bob Mitchum and the making of *Ryan's Daughter*

Strange taste of Turkic delight

After the disappointments of Central Asia, our greatest living travel writer needs a new challenge

Colin Thubron, the man regularly described as our greatest living travel writer, insists on fourth-class railway carriages and barely blinks when he loses a tooth in a calf's-head stew. Yet he comes home to a disappointingly comfortable corner of west London, all pastel-painted houses and 24-hour delicatessens.

"Hello," he says, opening the door of his garden flat. "Would you like some orange juice?. I've got some that's fresh-ish in the fridge." I was expecting camel's milk.

Never mind: inside the flat Thubron inhabits a satisfying drabness of sludgy browns and shabby furniture that conforms to the image of a transitory resting place before the next adventure.

In fact, Thubron spends most of his time in London. Each travel book takes three years to write, but of that only four months are spent on the road. After that a place becomes familiar, and its impact dims. "The books tend to be adventures for me as well as for the readers," he explains. "They are incursions into the unknown, and meant to express my own bewilderment and enlightenment."

So far he has tried to pierce the "harrowing immensity" of Brezhnev's Russia in *Among the Russians*, and the "terribleness of Chinese history" in *Behind the Wall*. But these giants fade in inscrutability compared with his most recent trip into the five former Soviet republics of Central Asia. Most readers, after all, have at least heard of Leningrad and Shanghai, but few could claim to know the second city of Turkmenistan, let alone its history.

It was this mystery that drew in Thubron, at a time when the Tajik civil war was deterring the sturdiest of travellers. "I suppose to most people it's an enigma. It's so ill defined and it always has been. My preoccupation was the identity of these people in the break-up of the Soviet Union. You would suppose they would feel violently nationalistic or be willing converts to Islamic fundamentalism."

His expectations were thwarted. The people he met generally had little national or religious feeling. Many even hankered for the days of the Soviet empire and the identity it gave them.

"None of them expected to be independent. The Georgians and Armenians were clamouring for it, but to these people nationalism had always been a rather shadowy concept. They have always had very loose allegiances. They think of themselves as a group or family, they don't feel Uzbek or Tajik. And Islam is a rather lukewarm element, mainly because the people are Turkic and think extremes are unmanly."



Colin Thubron, ladies' pet

He was uneasy in strange surroundings and expected these people to feel the same way. It is a shamefaced admission from a writer who is obsessively non-judgmental about his surroundings, to a point where detractors (rare) complain of soullessness.

People seem irresistibly compelled to confide in this gaunt, tanned man, with a face like a Crusader, and he listens without comment to the women moaning about their husbands and the young men who want to save his soul. Even the motorbike messenger who comes to the door as we are talking starts telling him how he skidded on some oil.

"Oh dear," I hear Thubron saying patiently, before returning, muttering: "I wonder what all that was about."

His looks, his old-Etonian charm and his rarity value as a single, heterosexual man of 55 have made him something of a pet with London ladies of a certain age. For the moment Thubron is attending their dinner parties, but soon he will decamp to Wales to start on his next novel. He alternates rigidly between travel writing and fiction, but says he prefers the latter. "With a travel book you are having to be true to something. The satisfaction of writing it seems to be diluted by the constant research back to your notes. With your novel, it's yours right or wrong, and that brings a peculiar satisfaction."

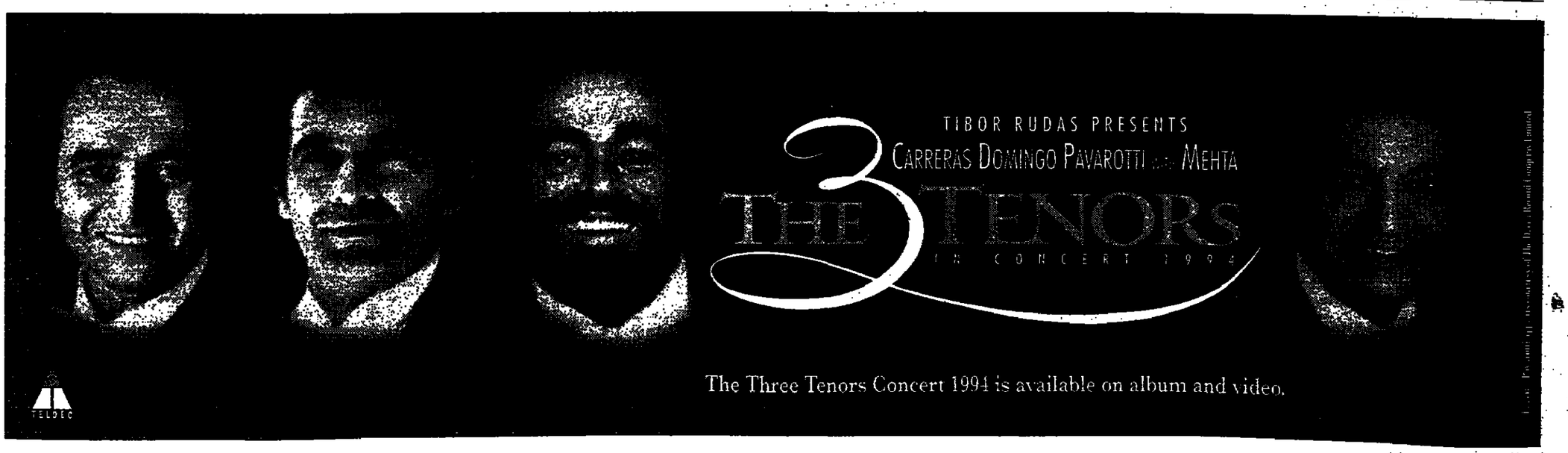
Thubron's rights and wrongs manifest themselves in brief, "rather dark and sad studies of personal relationships". He admits, without being asked, that his novels (the last was *Turning Back the Sun*) are "deeply autobiographical". Journalists who inquire are told that his sister died when she was 20, that the woman he wanted to marry didn't want him. The idea for each novel festers for years and then emerges in "a short, sharp and obsessive four months".

He doesn't seem particularly unhappy, perhaps because his bad experiences can be absorbed into his passion for words, just as he chooses the most arduous journeys knowing they will make the best copy. "I think I need some sort of constriction to kick up against, so that every conversation is a mini-triumph."

The problem for Thubron is that he is running out of places where such challenges exist. "I feel I have come to the end of a certain pattern, that Central Asia has completed a jigsaw and in a way I'd rather not know where I'm going next. Once I start to know I think I'll start getting enthusiastic, and the next place will start saying 'Me, me, me' and not letting go."

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

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Milan goes Roxy Music for spring-summer '95

Hail to the goddesses of high gloss



Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

Six months ago designers the world over unveiled new collections which shocked the system. Fashion did an about-turn on a spike-thin stiletto as they waved goodbye to soft and long and replaced it with short and shiny.

Now, everyone knows it's hip to wear high heels. It's cool to wear a hemline which hovers somewhere around the knee. It's OK to dress up again.

As the Italian designers present their latest collections for spring-summer 1995 in Milan this week it is obvious that this new high-gloss glamour is here to stay . . . for the moment at least.

The Italians are experts at this look. The clothes on show this season cling to the body, accentuating every womanly curve. Everything shimmers with fabrics glazed to add extra shine, while every other surface is covered with rhinestones and sequins.

With the exception of black and white, colours are soft while the silhouette is strictly honed. The tuxedo jacket appears during the day, and slim pencil skirts hover anywhere between mid-calf to just above the knee, while floaty shapes are micro short.

The overriding image is that of a 1940s screen goddess. Think Vargas pin-ups, or search out the first album by Roxy Music with the cover featuring model Kari-Ann wearing pastel satin.

Another dominant theme sees the supermodels dressed in 1940s military uniforms which echo those worn by the siren backing-vocalists who warbled on stage behind the smooth lounge-lizard singer Bryan Ferry. British designer Antony Price (who created the look for Roxy Music first time around in the mid-1970s) must be laughing.

Short, or long, and sexy

What Italian designers say you will be wearing next summer:

GIORGIO ARMANI: "Jackets are so light they look like dresses, so thin they emphasise the body's form. Dresses show off the legs and the bust, while little shorts are worn underneath skirts and dresses. I've used lots of lightweight, soft materials. Women love to show their legs. Why shouldn't we let them do it?"

VALENTINO: "Skirts are very short or very long. Jackets are either short and structured, or longer, softer, and belted. They are worn with hot pants, calf length bias-cut skirts, or pleated mini skirts. Colours include lots of sand shades. White predominates for evening, sometimes with black."

PRADA: "This collection is for the woman who is entirely sensual and feminine. The silhouette follows the line of the body, with highly constructed shapes. There are classic colours — black, navy and white — but also skin tones such as pink, vanilla, peach, and very, very pale lilac. Fabrics include nylon and cotton with occasional touches of skin-coloured fabrics that are so light they give the impression of the nude body. The most important length is around the knee, but we are also showing very short sun dresses."

DOLCE & GABBANA: "This collection is a return to real, severe elegance. Silhouettes emphasise the feminine form, but also the classic masculine edge of traditional made-to-measure tailoring. Colours include black, white and a range of pastels and flower prints. Fabrics include pinstripe suiting, georgette, satin, linen, organza, brocade and shantung silk. The skirt lengths vary from long (mid-calf) to short (micro-mini)."

MAXMARA: "The collection suggests a new glamour and elegance. The main silhouettes are inspired by haute couture with more structured jackets and elegant suits. Colour is back for both sportswear and eveningwear, ranging from 1970s-inspired tones to the freshest pastels, naturals and black. The skirt will sit precisely over the knee."

MISSONI: "Fluidity, transparency, and shimmering, pearly effects. Ultra-light knits, with fish-tail and fin-like cuts. Sensuous dresses, midriff tops, and vests. The basic yarns are cotton, viscose, linen and silk. Colours range from pale pink, lavender, eucalyptus green and lily white to crimson, purple, indigo and flashes of jade green and gold. Also black and white stripes."

GIANNI VERSACE: "The corset takes the leading role in a collection which waves the banner of femininity. There is a feminine version of the military uniform, as well as a working-girl style. My new woman dresses in a mix of white and natural tones ranging from beige to khaki. There are also pastels and lots of navy. Fabrics include cool wool, light and heavyweight jersey, stretch georgette, translucent satin, and metallics. Skirts are soft and fluttery, or a narrow sheath."

INDUSTRIA: "A collection of clothing with a great fit that allows you to wear them and be elegant and nonchalant. As for skirt lengths, we do not establish or follow trends; there are several different lengths available."

GENNY: "Daywear is shapely and short. The bust is emphasised. There is more structure and draping. Jackets are close to the body. Skirts are short for day. Shorts are reborn with jackets. Evening wear consists of all lengths from very short to ballgown lengths. Colours are mostly pastel shades, and white is very important. Silk gazar and taffeta cross over from evening to day."

KRIZIA: "The look is saturated with a new glamour — shining, clinging, sensual and seductive. As to length, anything goes, although the latest is just above the knee. Asymmetrical hems dip and swirl. An ultra-feminine silhouette with the exception of backless boyish 'groom' jackets. Fabrics include lacquered jersey, stretch viscose, smooth and rough silk, metallic organza, and heavyweight or gossamer thin linen."

GUCCI: "A small waist, a natural but distinct shoulder, a pencil-thin skirt that stops just past the knee. Pretty little dresses. The suit is big news for spring. Tailoring is important. Colours: graphic black and white, accented with lipstick red, flesh pink, ebony and mocha. Texture is the key, from the matt surface of silk gazar, fine leather and suede in powder pink, the shine of silk charmeuse, the softness of chenille, and the hard lacquer of patent leather. Being well-heeled is crucial, with new high-heeled sandals."

GIANFRANCO FERRE: "A collection of new classics in surprising dimensions — improbably large or small. The dress is as tiny as a swimsuit, the swimsuit as sumptuous as a dress. The classic blazer hugs the body, an everyday trench coat comes in double duchesse satin. Suits are as supple as sweaters. There are transparent trench coats and safari jackets. Pink is very glamorous and very smart."



VERSACE: ice-pink satin separates for the pin-up girl



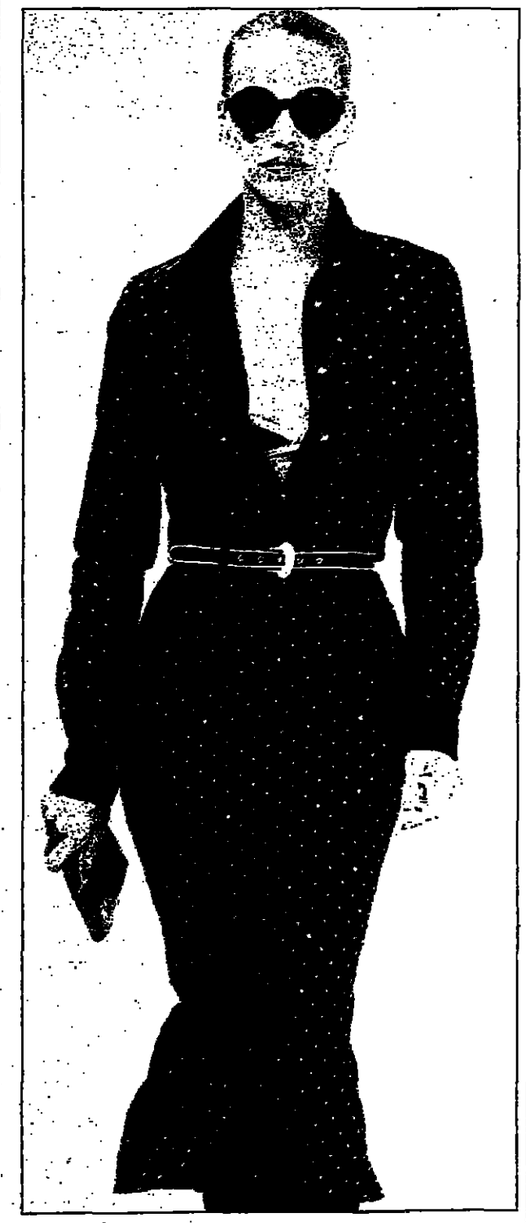
DOLCE & GABBANA: elegant animal prints



VALENTINO: matching the tuxedo with hot pants



DOLCE & GABBANA: above, stretch net, fluffy maribou and the ubiquitous bra; below, the new silhouette. Photographs by CHRIS MOORE and ANDREW THOMAS



MILAN HOTLINE

● Designers have not only plundered the wardrobes of the 1970s for ideas, but the music charts too, *Iain R. Webb writes.* The catwalk shows are the best disco in town with songs from Barry White, Gloria Gaynor and Alicia Bridges, plus Roxy Music and David Bowie adding a little futuristic glamour.

● Hot accessory 1: for fans of My Little Pony, Gianni Versace offers a shiney pint-sized rucksack with fluffy maribou feather straps.

● Hot accessory 2: it may be politically incorrect, but supermodels can't move on the catwalk for all the cigarette smoke, and it seems the fashion girls would kill for a pastel-coloured Sobrani. One young fashion PR assures me her girlfriends actually fight over the lilac ones.

● Italian *Vogue* celebrated its 30th birthday with an exhibition of that fashion photography that has graced its pages over the years. It was the place to be seen and rub neatly padded shoulders with the likes of Bruce Weber, Steven Meisel, Karl Lagerfeld, and too many supermodels to mention who posed in front of huge blow-up photographs of themselves.

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Alan Coren



■ Gad, Hewitt, I declare you are a bounder — how comforting

It is more than 30 years ago, now, but I have never forgotten the suit. I have never forgotten the suit because I have never forgotten the placard that was selling the suit. It was selling it to the French, and it was doing it in the window of Louis Guerin, the swishest tailors in that swishest of tailoring streets, the Rue du Faubourg St Honoré.

The suit was a three-piece number in Prince of Wales check. It comprised a deep-vented jacket with egregiously flapped slant pockets, an unnecessarily lapelled double-breasted waistcoat and a pair of sponge-bag trousers which could have contained both legs of a substantial man in each leg of their own. More yet, the jacket had been swung open to reveal a lining of azure silk, counterpointed by a scarlet pocket handkerchief tumbling beneath a matching carnation *boutonnière*, which in turn matched the dominant stripe of the dummy's fake-regimental tie.

And the placard said: *Très snob — presque cad!*

That, moreover, M Guerin's establishment stood bang opposite the front gate of the British Embassy should not be ignored. The placard was thus simultaneously a cocked snook and an irresistible sales-pitch: for slice him where you will (as young men in spats were once wont to chortle to one another in the Drones'), a Froggie is always a pushover for that unique brand of English chic which goes with bounderhood.

Now, while I may never have forgotten the suit, I did not recall it until yesterday, when the national press suddenly filled to the gunwales with the doings, if such they were, of Major James Hewitt. And to help with the filling, since pages and pages and pages were required to teem with the stuff if dishonour was to be satisfied, there was pressed into service a vocabulary which I had feared had long passed from the earth: Major Hewitt was a cad, a bounder, a rotter, he was a snake in the grass and a viper in the bosom, a ne'er-do-well and a good-for-nothing, a blackguard, a scoundrel, an out-and-out rogue — and he had (oh, joy!) Brought Disgrace to the Regiment.

How very odd, then, that so many commentators, in so many media, should have bemoaned this latest addition to the royal gallimaufry as a nail in the coffin of British honour, the final, and the most damning, piece of evidence of our irreversible national decline. What piffle, tosh, balderdash, tommyrot (please insert your own aptly retro term here) that is! Did none of our enormous band of jeremiad hacks twig that the very wealth of epithets they suddenly found at their disposal only stood testament to the wealth of precedents for which they were minted? From Sir Launcelot and Lord Darnley to Harry Flashman and Terry-Thomas, from Sir Francis Dashwood and Lord Byron to Captain Grimes and Major Ferguson, the cad has straddled our culture, in fact and fiction, as he has straddled no other; look on this tabloid picture and on this, and tell me that James Hewitt, with his ratting cap, his polo stick, his two-seater, his rhinestone tie-pin, his iffy majority, his riding instructorship, his cheesy smirk, his jettisoned inamorata, his desperate need for a few bob to tide him over till his postal order arrives, tell me that he does not stand heir to a lineage that extends far further back than that of any other heir he may have cuckolded.

Which is why all true patriots should relish his emergence. He is part not of England's arguable decline, but of her unarguable web and woof; just because a tradition isn't honourable, that doesn't stop it being a tradition. More yet, James Hewitt is not, as at least three newspapers yesterday insisted, the one thing the monarchy doesn't want right now; he is the one thing it does. Up until now, the populace has had no clear field of fire on the targets it needs if it is to slake its irritation; it has throughout this sorry mess been forced to yield the easy moral judgments it would prefer to clouding argument and counter-argument; it has been compelled not only to take sides, but also to change them with each new revelation, and to lower its shotguns undischarged.

We now have someone we can empty both barrels at. We have flushed out an absolute shit. And I for one am very grateful. If I knew where that suit was now, I'd buy it for him.

Graham Searjeant says the Lloyd's of the future will be less risky but less competitive

How Lloyd's finally lost its lustre

There are few winners among those who put up money to underwrite risks at Lloyd's in the late 1980s. Names on the vast Gooda Walker syndicates are certainly not among those few. The compensation they won for negligence may have run to more noughts than most people can imagine, but it will probably meet less than half their total losses. They have, however, scored a famous victory for the individual against the Establishment of the Lloyd's market, and for common justice against the arrogance of City insiders.

That victory will, for a long time, sully Lloyd's attempt to leave behind its troublesome names and decades of corruption which go back to the early days of exchange control. The next big lawsuit is due to come to court within a fortnight, blighting professionals' plans to build a bright new image.

That future will in any case lack the lustre of a past that Lloyd's has traded on, and a reputation it has too much abused. Lloyd's members made their collective name in America by paying up on the great San Francisco earthquake. Ever since, they have been relied on to take the biggest, the toughest and the most arcane risks, as well as innovating with fresh policies to meet the needs of new customers, such as the entertainment and sponsorship businesses. In future, Lloyd's will still pay up, but will inevitably be more cautious. For the bright new market that the professionals are inventing for themselves is destined to become little more than an ordinary insurance company.

Yesterday it was the forgotten mugs who struck back. Unfortunately for them, the judgment may not be met in full. And much of the burden will, through internal insurance, fall on other Lloyd's names. Most of them also face costly losses, albeit not quite on the telescopically magnified scale suffered by those whose money backed the excess-of-loss policies written by Gooda Walker and others. They stood waiting on the quay as a tidal wave of catastrophes from Piper Alpha to the supertanker *Exxon Valdez* struck the world's most cosmopolitan insurance market. Others traded quite innocently, not knowing that they had taken responsibility for future asbestosis or pollution claims which are still exploding in their wallets.

All insurance is about being paid to take on other people's risks. That is why the insiders and their acolytes have always contended that names on these syndicates should be good losers, accepting that their gamble has failed and paying up on the nail like the gentlefolk they were traditionally assumed to be.

Eventually, Lloyd's council put together a £900 million "global settlement", offered to two-thirds of its 30,000 names, to assuage losses suffered in the worst syndicates. But even that was offered to them as something of a humanitarian goodwill gesture. It did have an important virtue. The package spread available resources equally. Negligence insurance amounts only to about £1 billion. Some 14,000 names waiting behind Gooda Walker in the legal queue will therefore view yesterday's settlement with mixed feelings. But the main aim of the package was to save money for the professionals, who put in only £50 million, and to bury the past quickly.

Names understandably said no — and went to court. They had not been the victims just of the insurance cycle (a bad run of luck just when premiums are low); they were victims also of greed, malpractice and conflicts of interest which would not be tolerated in conventional investments. Many of the saddest cases resulted from a recruitment drive that sucked in people from across the world. Far too many were of such modest wealth that they should have been investing in bonds and unit trusts. Instead, they exposed every penny they had for what, even on past performance, promised to be only slightly higher returns. In some cases, those promises were based on accounting so dubious that it will soon be banned.

Once names were recruited, many to supposedly low-risk syndicates, their money was managed by men of shockingly varied competence. Some were brilliant underwriters, others timeserving oafs entrusted with tens of millions. They were paid in ways that divorced their interests from those of the names. A few unscrupulous brokers played the infamous "spiral", taking a cut each time reinsurance policies were sliced up and passed round, and leaving wafer-thin premiums to cover huge risks.

Worst of all, the risks were unequal. Names stood liable down to their last cufflink, let alone their comfortable houses. The insiders had long ago organised themselves into limited companies which in turn were sold to large, anonymously-owned corporations. When names sue, this limited liability becomes only too obvious. True, many professionals have lost the businesses they built, and more, but names too often find the authors of their misfortunes have become companies of straw, worth little more than their insurance policies. Victories can prove pyrrhic, in many cases not worth the lawyers' fees. The big broking corporations with real money appear to have no legal liability.

Lloyd's might have collapsed at that point, but the brokers and underwriters needed it. So it will survive in a different form. There are still 17,500 names, some calculating that it is good to invest at the bottom, others merely trying to trade out their losses through better years. But the fallen, the escapees and walking wounded are being replaced by new forms of capital. This time, the investors will have limited liability too.

No matter that this undermines the secret which allowed Lloyd's to become the world's most famous insurance house. This secret was simple: by accepting unlimited liability, the underwriting members of Lloyd's could afford to put up far less capital than their commercial rivals. That allowed them to offer competitive rates and still enjoy higher returns. As more and more of Lloyd's business is done on limited liability, this advantage slips away. Next year, exotic new forms of limited liability will be ushered in, bringing single company syndicates and parallel syndicates. Even the new, much cleaner Lloyd's cannot resist the new forms of conflict of interest these will introduce.

Names will linger on, perhaps for ten years, perhaps 20. But they look a dying breed. As the Gooda Walker litigants celebrate their victory, then resume licking their wounds, a new Lloyd's is arising from the ruins of the old. It will be fit for the 21st century, but nothing special. The insiders' victory is likely to prove pyrrhic too.

A slave to circumstance

Tony Blair looks marvellous, and is doing all he can to avoid making economic commitments. But the easy bit is over



We now know what we suspected. There are no warts. Tony Blair rose above the waves yesterday like Botticelli's Venus, perfectly formed. Shells were scattered about his feet. His *putti* blew trumpets. Only the thinnest gauze hid his political privates.

You want a Labour leader free of dogma? Mr Blair is free of dogma. You want a leader for the southern bourgeoisie? Let us introduce you to his charming friends. You want him committed and concerned? Note the tiny furrow between the eyes: not Paddy Ashdown's synthetic crevasses but the worry of a sincere man. You doubt if he can stand up to the looneys and the unions? That is our boy to a T. Look at the end of block votes, his refusal to back the signalmen, and his threat to Clause Four. But might this not alienate the Left and split the party? No way. There are no flies on Tony in this department. He was a member of CND. He used the word socialism yesterday without flinching. The unions love him.

I know of no way to get the true measure of a party leader in opposition. The jungle through which he travels is too tame compared with that of government. We can watch his demeanour and hear his speeches. Mr Blair's yesterday was more than professional: it was good. We can list the members of his retinue and record their ages and backgrounds. His are young, classless, sensible: Middlesex rather than Essex. We can examine the skirmishes that mark Mr Blair's journey so far: with John Prescott on taxation, with Jimmy Knapp on strikes, with the Left on a minimum wage. He was resolute in all of them. He showed a flash of steel and his attackers were soon trotting happily behind him.

We cannot even hold most of Mr Blair's embarrassing about-turns against him. To question Britain's nuclear arsenal was not unreasonable in an opposition politician in the 1980s. His biographer, John Rentoul, has unearthed some unfortunate remarks by the young Blair in 1982. One was on the need for "enormous state guidance and intervention" in industry. Another spoke of the "fatal mistake for any radical party" of isolating itself from organised labour. This was hardly the language of last week's Opening to the Right.

Yet I prefer to hear Prince Hal publicly renouncing such youthful dalliances than dissembling. "Presume not that I am the thing I was," he told Labour's Left yesterday. "I know thee not . . . fall to thy prayers." He briskly told them that he would not reverse Tory union laws. He signalled the end of the nationalisation Clause Four of the party's constitution. All successful Labour leaders come to the top from the centre left, then move smartly rightwards. The new leader, as John Rentoul delicately puts it, "got his betrayal in early". Mr Blair has done everything the casting director could ask of him. He presents himself as a competent and likeable leader, in many ways reminiscent of the early John Major.

So where are the straws in the wind that might tell us how this new Labour Party might perform in office? There are some. Mr Blair's personal *volte face* on Europe was the more worrying because it was so clearly opportunist. As recently as 1982 he was in favour of actually withdrawing from the EEC, "certainly unless the most fundamental changes are effected". It is hard to see what changes have occurred since then, other than in Mr Blair's career prospects.

Yesterday he pinned his colours unashamedly to the Maastricht mast. European policy has blighted the office of British prime ministers throughout the 1980s and 1990s. Labour's passionate support for the European exchange-rate mechanism, until Britain came out of it, does not augur well. It mirrors precisely the stance of John Major and Norman Lamont. Mr Blair has shrewdly avoided knee-jerk responses to this Government's policies on interest rates, strikes and Northern Ireland. With regard to Europe, he has become trapped. His love affair with the social chapter may win plaudits from the unions, but it will return to haunt him.

Simon Jenkins

The axiom holds in Britain as in America: elections are about "the economy, stupid". Last week's Labour economic summit was presented as "the most radical shift in Labour's economic thinking for a generation", implying a sudden conversion to free markets and capitalism. Yet there is no longer any such thing in Britain as "economic thinking" by political parties — or none that matters. There are only the grim facts of economic life, learnt agonisingly in office. No amount of previous "thinking" is any help. What is needed is an uncluttered head, a steady hand and an iron resolve with each crisis.

Last week, Mr Blair and his putative Chancellor, Gordon Brown, claimed to have discovered a novel mixture called low inflation, low taxes, high investment and high employment. This was extraordinarily naïve. The search for such a state of grace has been the goal of every British government since the war. The sole novelty that Mr B and Mr B could offer was a magic elixir they called "post neo-classical endogenous growth theory". Put in a test tube and allowed to settle, this turned out to be no more than tax incentives to industry, more money for education and training and more spending on infrastructure. To this they add a minimum wage and the extra labour costs of the social chapter. Nothing in this package suggests that in ideological thrust, the new Labour Party is different from the old.

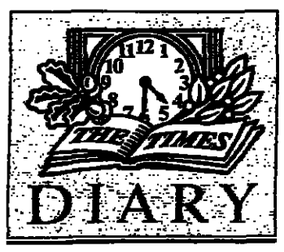
Labour's thinking on the economy involves higher spending on the very things that the 1974-79 Government spent on and that the present Government is spending money on. Mr Blair will be impelled to increase spending, both by his union friends and by the nature of his electoral support. There is no escape from this. The apparently radical step he has taken is to signal that he does not believe in putting up taxes, which loses votes. As he told *The Independent*, "The notion that we should come along to people who have suffered the equivalent of a seven pence rise in the standard rate of income tax and tell them that if we are in power we are going to bump up their taxes even more is absurd: it's not just daft politics — it's not right." That may see off Mr Prescott and colleagues eager to soak the rich, but it does not add up.

Every Labour leader struggles to avoid political baggage. Attlee came to Downing Street laden with packing cases. Wilson brought a large trunk. Mr Blair wishes for no more than a Ninja Turtle sandwich-box. What he said yesterday, stripped of code, was that his economic policy will be driven by events. He wants "socialism" without content. He would rather be enslaved by circumstance than by dogma. Yet when a government's economic policy is event-driven — which means Treasury-driven — its radicalism is swiftly emasculated. Ask Lady Thatcher. Labour must decide either to spend more and tax more, or to spend less and tax less. The Tory party has done the former for 15 years. Is Labour offering more of the same?

That is the deep irony of British politics. The debate is not really moving Labour's way. It is where it has been since 1979: an argument between the citadels of Big Government and what can only be termed the Right. The radical alternative to the policies pursued by Lady Thatcher and John Major is to cut public spending, mostly on welfare, to decentralise the State and to divert resources into the private sector. Neither party is prepared to do this. Mr Blair is no fool. He knows that higher taxes and increased government programmes are simply not an option. That is why he made the crescendo of his speech not economic but constitutional reform. That is why, if he wins, Mr Brown will endure a time as Chancellor as ghastly as Denis Healey's.

Mr Blair thus completes the easy part of his leadership. He has two hard years ahead of him. Like Neil Kinnock and John Smith, he is a monarch in waiting, a Prince of Wales with no certainty of succession. He will make mistakes. He must pray that Mr Major makes even more. An opposition can do only so much. To win power it requires a government that has decided to lose an election. Mr Major's Government gives every sign of having made that decision, but it might change its mind.

Old girl talk



A PRESSING engagement awaits Anna Pasternak, the breathless-prosed confidante of Major James Hewitt. She is scheduled next month to deliver a talk to the sixth form of her *alma mater*, St Paul's Girls School. The speech should be newsworthy: it covers the opportunities for well-heeled ladies in journalism.

Pasternak's former English teacher, the High Mistress of St Paul's, Janet Gough, refuses to discuss either the literary endeavours of her erstwhile charge or her chosen career as a romantic writer. But one member of staff expressed doubts about her saccharine style. "Call that literature?" she asked. "I'd consign it to the dustbin."

Pasternak will doubtless draw on her memories of life as a geography student at Oxford, where her room, I am reliably informed, was "interior-designed" by her mother. Her studies could even have influenced the sugary prose in her book, which describes how the Princess of Wales would flick idly through the glossy pages of *Country Life* with Hewitt, searching for a perfect hideaway home. Her thesis studied the property-buying habits of the upper-middle classes in the Cotswolds.

The talk will make much of her own achievements, but less of her ancestry, if an article written four years ago in *The Spectator* is anything to go by. The great niece of Boris Pasternak wrote that she longed for the day when people didn't ask her about her famous forebear. "He is just a distant relative and a rather tiresome one at that. Roll on the day that people no longer ask 'Are you related to Boris Pasternak?'" More pressing nowadays is the question of her relationship with Major James Hewitt.

● *Strangest sight yesterday on the staircase of the Garrick Club was Sir David Frost embracing Terry Wogan and planting a smacker on his cheek. "We're good friends and I haven't seen him for six months," explained Wogan. "But I made sure he didn't get me on the mouth."*

Why not?

BARRY NORMAN, a regular victim of Rory Bremner's mimicry, was baying for the comic's blood yesterday at the launch of Bremner's new series for Channel 4. Norman took issue in particular with the catchphrase Bremner uses to identify the *Film '94* presenter: "And why not?"

"I never said it," said Norman. "I defy you to look through 20 years of videos of my programme and find it. You've just made it up." Not a bit of it, retorted Bremner. "I have it chapter and verse. You wrote it in an article about Geoffrey Boycott for *The Observer*: 'Geoffrey is proud of England and proud of Yorkshire. And why not?'"

Desmond Lynam said that Bremner had Norman to a tee: "He's good at everyone but myself."

Shirt tales

THERE may be disagreements within the Labour Party at its conference, but John Prescott is assured of support from one seasoned conference-goer. His father, the moustachioed former railwayman John Herbert Prescott, is attending his twentieth conference.

At a lively bash thrown by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* on Monday night, John Herbert came clutching a bag containing a present for his offspring — a Van Heusen pinstriped shirt. "It's a size 17 — he's always been a 17," says the Dunkirk veteran. "But he's got very jowly of late. I really think he's a 17½ these days."



● *Major James Hewitt has been banned by the Household Cavalry but yet sterner measures are in force. That great barometer of metropolitan feeling, the cab trade, is flexing its muscle. "He is not getting in the back of my cab," says one driver. "We've agreed to drive straight past him."*

Tee time

LIMBERING UP today to lead the Scottish team in this week's Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews will be Colin Montgomerie, who as leader of the order of merit has earned more money than any player in Europe this season. Montgomerie should be assured of an audience, for his partner in the Pro-Am tournament which precedes the Dunhill will be the Duke of York, who boasts a respectable handicap of 10.

The Prince has played the likes of Sean Connery and Jack Nicklaus, and could prove the ideal warm-up for Montgomerie on the eve of a big tournament, provided that the opportunity for royal gossip doesn't upset his putting. "Montgomerie has played a lot of tournaments in quick succession, so he doesn't want anything too hard," says a golfing insider.



Andrew in the swing

Farewell

AN APPROPRIATE send-off yesterday for Ian Board, the late purple-nosed proprietor of Soho's infamous Colony Club, where Francis Bacon regularly swilled down the champagne.

Pop star Lisa Stansfield sang "Send in the Clowns", accompanied by Mike McKenzie, elderly pianist at the Savoy. McKenzie hammered out the ditty 15 years ago at the memorial service of Muriel Belcher, Board's predecessor.

● *W.H.Auden has brought Simon Callow back from the grave. As part of National Poetry Day, the actor will read "Funeral Blues" at the Purcell Room on London's South Bank. The poem became a favourite with millions after the scene in which it is read at the funeral of his avuncular character in* Four Weddings and a Funeral.

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BLAIR THE BOLD

Brutal leadership: but the followers are far behind

Tony Blair had three audiences yesterday — the activists in the conference hall, those watching more passively on television and that special band, Cabinet ministers and Conservative speechwriters, who must contend with his arguments in Bournemouth next week. He led the first boldly, almost brazenly. He lulled the second, offering a Labour agenda that was as far from confiscatory socialism as has ever been heard from a Labour leader. And he will have alarmed the third. For tired Tory politicians, many traditional lines of attack are now difficult, unrealistic and even dangerous.

The decision to abandon Clause Four of Labour's constitution removes a central proof of past insincerity. One of the most striking of Mr Blair's themes yesterday was that politicians' words had to have clear meanings. He took the risk of virtually decreeing that, from now on, social-ism (with the newly added hyphen) meant something different: the performance of a man who has decided that the autocrat's time has come.

Will his lead be followed? It is a mark of distinction in today's "New" Labour Party to win a declaration of war from Arthur Scargill. As Margaret Thatcher discovered, choosing the right enemy is a prime ingredient for political success. If Mr Blair's enemies can be confined to Mr Scargill, the newly elected national executive member, Diane Abbott, and a few other bogey-persons, he will be well pleased. Meanwhile, the message sent beyond the confines of the Winter Gardens was immediate.

Clause Four commits the party to common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange. The symbolism of its removal would be at least as weighty as the trade unions' decision last year to relinquish much of their power in party elections. Yesterday's decision could serve an even broader purpose: to tell the country not just what Labour is against, but what it is for. Only a few on the Left may still believe that Labour's mission is to seize the commanding heights of the economy for the State. But many party members are confused about how traditional aspirations — the relief of poverty, the reduction of unemployment, the enhancement of public services — can be met by other means in the modern world.

Mr Blair's "social-ism" is a long way from being understood, still less accepted. It was a puzzled audience who heard about "a belief in society: working together, solidarity, co-operation, partnership. . .the understanding that the individual does best in a strong and decent community of people with principles and standards and common aims and values". They failed to applaud such ideas as the importance of social responsibility, the need for a dynamic market economy based on partnership, and the attempt to embrace for Labour a much larger section of society. The gulf between Blair and party will provide the best line of attack for the Tories.

Indeed, were Mr Blair to dress up as a One Nation Conservative and speak in Bournemouth next week, he might win more applause. The Winter Gardens was quiet while he spoke, and only came alive after he finished. Labour activists are still not sure about the specifics of his message: they do know that they want him to win.

Mr Blair senses correctly that the language of community, morality, partnership and civic duty is the language of the 1990s. The difference between his vision and that of the "civic Conservatism" espoused in different forms by David Willetts, John Gray, Michael Portillo and other Tories, lies in a mixture of personality and nuance. It is not true, as Mr Blair claimed, that "civic Conservatism" is a contradiction in terms. But it is true that the Tories have come to the idea rather late, without committed intellectual leadership from the top, and are tainted by a series of sleazy moral failings: Lord Archer remains a terrible embarrassment.

Next week the Tory leadership will find that for the first time in 15 years they face an opponent whom their supporters are beginning to trust. They should recognise that Mr Blair's speech was truly audacious, that he faced his party with home truths, and redefined the party's very philosophy. The Tories can still claim that Labour needs more reform. Mr Blair will reply that this is his intention. That seems set to be the political pattern of the coming months and beyond.

NOT A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE

A book of royal gossip, and nothing more

The new book *Princess in Love*, which alleges an affair between the Princess of Wales and Major James Hewitt, has rightly provoked strong criticism. Written in the execrable style of a second-rate romantic novel, the book has no literary merit at all. It records the dubious recollections of a discredited officer who has brought disgrace to his regiment. Its version of events must be treated with the greatest scepticism; its purpose with appropriate disdain.

A sense of proportion is essential, however. This book is not, as some commentators have implied, the stuff of constitutional crisis. Already, it has been said that the Prince and Princess of Wales must divorce as soon as possible; that the House of Windsor must skip a generation and Prince William succeed the Queen; and that Princess Diana must leave the public stage to save the monarchy. Such arguments are completely without foundation; they suggest that an element of hysteria is creeping into constitutional debate.

The allegations in this book must be kept in perspective. In particular, it is hard to see why its publication should make the slightest difference to the private deliberations of the Prince and Princess about the future of their marriage. Princess Diana has made little secret of her unhappiness during her marriage. Major Hewitt's disclosures merely exploit the failure of their relationship. To suggest that this book should compel the Prince and Princess to divorce is absurd.

Equally, there is no reason why it should have any bearing on the succession or the future of the monarchy. In the last two years, some have argued — mischievously or simply ignorantly — that the break-up of the royal marriage has somehow weakened Prince Charles's claim to the succession. It is clear that there is no constitutional basis to this argument and that the Prince will indeed succeed the Queen. Yet such pessimistic claims have become a reflex response to new allegations concerning the private lives of the royal family. No sooner has a story about the Prince or Princess of Wales been published, than a "constitutional expert" is warning of dire consequences for the monarchy and the realm.

In a country with no written constitution, "constitutional experts" are simply historians or lawyers who can set contemporary events in the context of precedent. Donnish speculations should not be mistaken for the decisions of a constitutional court. More importantly, royal gossip should not be mistaken for something more serious. There seems a lingering misapprehension that when a critical mass of news coverage has been reached, any allegation involving the royal family becomes a constitutional issue. *Princess in Love* illustrates how different a sensational story is from an important one. At a time when constitutional questions are becoming ever more central to the political debate, it is vital that this distinction not be forgotten.

CARDOSO'S CLIMAX

Brazil's President-elect has some catching up to do

Not even his most partisan supporters could argue that Fernando Henrique Cardoso would have triumphed quite as convincingly in Brazil's ptresidential elections had it not been for the timely success of the *real*, the country's newest currency. Inspired in no small measure by the government in neighbouring Argentina, the *real* was Senhor Cardoso's adroit prescription — in his former capacity as Finance Minister — for inflation-afflicted Brazil. Not only has the prescription curbed inflation, it has also won for its apothecary the trust of the electorate.

Senhor Cardoso's closest rival, Luis Inacio "Lula" da Silva — who fought an honourable but fruitless campaign — had nothing of commensurate calibre to offer. His Workers' Party sought to focus on issues such as unemployment and income distribution, which define Brazil's social strata; and his philosophy was encapsulated in his pithy message, alas misguided, that "to run Brazil one does not need a doctorate in economics, one needs a degree in sensitivity". Yet millions of poor voters, unprotected by the inflation indexation in which the country's rich have cocooned themselves traditionally, preferred the virtues of a stable currency to blandishments cut from a populist cloth.

Brazil, Latin America's giant, has for long been the hemisphere's laggard. While its commitment to the authentic methods of a market economy has never been consistent, its engagement with democracy has been even less impressive. It is easy to overlook the fact that before the election of Fernando Collor in 1990, most Brazilians had only a slender acquaintance with the ballot box. With the election of Senhor Cardoso, in a process that was largely pacific and relatively free of rancour, Brazil continues with its evolution towards sturdy democracy.

A sturdy economy, however, is the thing that Brazilians would most cherish. In electing Senhor Cardoso, they have entrusted the task of building one — by no means simple — to the best man. The President-elect, however, faces two formidable obstacles. One is institutional: Brazil's constitution, Byzantine in its density, is in its current contours an enemy of fiscal discipline. The constitutionally imposed duty to spend nearly three-quarters of federal revenue on public sector wages and transfers to provincial governments can only guarantee inflation. Senhor Cardoso cannot afford to neglect constitutional reform.

Such reform could, however, bring him into conflict with his major electoral ally, Antonio Carlos Magalhães of the Liberal Front. Senhor Magalhães, a provincial political chieftain of the old Brazilian order, threw his weight behind the Cardoso campaign in order to ensure the defeat of the leftist Workers' Party. This alliance secured victory for Senhor Cardoso in the impoverished northern provinces where he was least known. It has also left him indebted to the very sector which will balk at the prospects of constitutional reform and political modernity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ferry safety and survival at sea

From Mr Peter L. Frost

Sir, The fact that a bow door of the visor type may be forced open when a ship is driving into heavy seas has been known for at least 20 years.

A visor which forms an elegant flared bow is subjected to an upthrust force when buried in a steep wave. This force tends to open the visor and, in extreme conditions, may be sufficient to tear the visor-securing bolts or wedges from their housings, either partially or completely. Conversely a visor which forms a bluff, rounded bow is subjected to a near horizontal force, which tends to close it more tightly and does not strain the securing devices.

It is conceivable that if a visor should break open completely, either the flat inner door may cave in if the vessel is not stopped very quickly, or the large visor-opening hydraulic rams situated on the foredeck might be forced through the deck and so allow water to enter the vehicle space.

Yours faithfully,
P. L. FROST,
3 Kreswell Grove,
Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex.
September 30.

From Lieutenant-Commander A. Clifford, RN (retd)

Sir, It is always disturbing to hear of a ship going down, but more so when life is needlessly lost after the sinking.

The *Estonia* was well equipped with modern liferafts yet it appears that some of its passengers who managed to reach them did not know what to do to improve their chances.

Once aboard a liferaft, steps should be taken to bail it out and close the entrances, thereby helping to keep as dry and warm as possible to avoid exposure. Apart from keeping morale up there need be little else to do with today's short rescue times.

Passengers these days, where travel involves passing over large stretches of water by air or sea, are not made aware of the vital actions necessary if they are to successfully survive. After this latest incident it is clear that they should be.

Yours faithfully,
A. CLIFFORD
(Commanding officer of the RN Survival School, 1975-79),
Rosemary Cottage, High Street,
Queen Camel, Somerset.
October 1.

Measles campaign

From Ms Gilly Duff

Sir, When my now five-year-old daughter had the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) immunisation exactly four years ago we were told categorically this was a once and for all jab. Now we have just received a leaflet exhorting her to have a booster and stating, equally categorically, that "we know" that for one in ten children one vaccination is not enough.

Some of us, who were originally sold a vaccine on which knowledge seems to have been seriously incomplete, may wonder if there is not more to find out about the safety aspects.

For my scepticism to be dislodged (and my daughter re-immunised), fuller information is needed about what has brought about this change in policy, and it needs to be presented in a more balanced fashion than the hectoring propagandist tone of the existing campaign.

Yours sincerely,
G. DUFF,
38 Stanhope Gardens, N6.

Roadblocks in the City

From Mr Richard C. Marshall

Sir, I fear that Mr John Hine's warning (letter, October 4) about changes to the layout of the City is too late — permanent changes have already been made. Roads leading into Upper Thames Street, previously blocked by railway sleepers when the anti-terrorist scheme was first implemented, have recently been turned into cul-de-sacs by the building up of the Upper Thames Street northern pavement. I assume that similar action is being taken at other sites around the City.

The layout of the City has remained largely unchanged since medieval times, despite the Great Fire. Shakespeare or Pepys would find the modern road pattern familiar. However, if roads cease to be thoroughfares, their purpose will cease and in future building development a case could be made for their removal.

Furthermore, considerable jams build up at peak times to get through the bottlenecks of these roadblocks. I now find it pointless to catch buses to commute between my office in Fleet Street and London Bridge Station — it's quicker and more reliable to walk. If this finding is echoed by other City workers, it must be a cause of worry for the future of bus services.

It seems that there could be far-reaching effects of the action now being taken by the Corporation. I second Mr Hine's plea that a much wider debate takes place.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD C. MARSHALL,
84 Campbell Crescent,
East Grinstead, West Sussex.
October 4.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Parents' rights and children's needs

From Eur Ing J. G. Lamb

Sir, You report today that the Government is about to introduce subsidies to enable single mothers to return to work. I regard this as a grossly inefficient use of public funds.

With 2.5 million people unemployed and receiving benefit, it is surely crass stupidity to offer benefit incentives for childcare to parents at exactly the time when their children (particularly of pre-school and primary school ages) ought to be enjoying a close and loving relationship with their parents?

I believe that the whole area of policy with regard to families is canted too far towards consideration of the "right to work" and away from parents' responsibility for their children. We should take as a starting point the fundamental principles that every child has the right to belong to a family unit, that every pre-school child has the right to be looked after by one parent full time, and that an adult's right to work is subordinate to the right of children to a stable family home.

Government policy should be directed towards assisting low-income families to retain full-time caring by one parent and to penalising those who abdicate their parental responsibilities in favour of the much touted "right to a career". The implicit shift in the balance of the workforce would go a long way towards eliminating unemployment, reducing antisocial behaviour amongst young people, and minimising the need for nursery education (which is really just a way of getting the kids away for long enough for a part-time job to be viable).

What children really need in the pre-school years is acquisition of social skills, best obtained in a play environment which involves parents.

I remain, Sir, a hard-working father with an equally hard-working but non-employed wife,

Yours faithfully,
J. G. LAMB,
The Grove,
Symonds Yat West,
Ross on Wye, Herefordshire.
October 3.

Nuclear arms race

From Dr Julian Lewis

Sir, In the run-up to next year's conference on the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), we can expect many more references to its supposed provisions from opponents of nuclear deterrence like Messrs Pullinger and Harper (letters, September 30).

It is upon Article VI of the NPT that such commentators rely, though they seldom spell it out. What that Article actually states is that:

Each of the parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a Treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.

There are thus three topics covered by the Article: (a) ending the nuclear arms race; (b) nuclear disarmament; and (c) general and complete disarmament. The important point is that the words "at an early date" are applied only to (a), and not to (b) or (c). There is nothing requiring the time-scale for worldwide nuclear disarmament to be shorter than that for general and complete conventional disarmament — and for this we should be grateful.

A world in which the major military powers abandoned their nuclear but not their conventional forces would be dangerously unstable. It would become "safe" for murderous non-nuclear conflict between countries formerly forced to coexist by the nuclear stalemate. A deadly race to reacquire the Bomb would ensue, with the winner tempted to use it before his rivals could retaliate in kind.

What the NPT demands are effective measures to end the nuclear arms race at an early date — exactly what has been achieved by a successful multilateral approach, in the teeth of opposition from one-sided nuclear disarmers. It also pays, in the same sentence, formal obeisance to the distant dream of both a nuclear-free and an arms-free world.

If Article VI amounts to an "obligation to negotiate complete nuclear disarmament", as Dr Pullinger appears to believe, it also requires us to negotiate the end of armed forces in general. President Yeltsin's confirmation in April 1992 that the Soviet Union violated the Biological Weapons Convention for 20 years, and his subsequent problems in trying to stop offensive germ-warfare research in Russia, should make us aware of the practical dangers which threaten such idealised goals.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN LEWIS
(Deputy Director),
Conservative Research Department,
32 Smith Square,
Westminster, SW1.
October 1.

TV and justice

From Dr J. M. Wober

Sir, Brenda Maddox (Media and Marketing, September 28) is only partly right when she says "most . . . in Britain prefer to see justice . . . pursued . . . behind closed doors".

Surveys have shown that people recognise distinctions and want civil cases to be kept off television (the doors are not closed to reporters) while supporting the televising of criminal proceedings — not in full, but edited. The maxim that one wants "the whole truth and nothing but the truth" is, however, put in jeopardy by the process of editing, both at the transmission stage and by the vagaries of irregular viewing at home.

The merit of press reporting is that the reader knows the court is seen through the reporter's eyes and is thus aware of "filtration of truth". With the O. J. Simpson case enough alertness is probably developed to ensure that viewers remain critically aware of events. Strangely enough, the voice-dubbing of Sinn Fein spokespeople probably served the same purpose of retaining alertness.

The danger is that routine screen coverage of edited proceedings (as with Parliament) will be lazily perceived as the accurate truth, and that viewers will forget that this is an illusion.

It remains to be demonstrated that British decorum in a way cloaks injustice, while openness (to television) ensures justice. In addition to trying to clarify an implied contribution of television to valid judgments, we should find out whether screening cases creates problems for third parties such as the relatives of both victims (or plaintiffs) and defendants.

Yours sincerely,
MALLORY WOBER,
Bournemouth University,
Department of Media Production,
Poole House, Talbot Campus,
Fern Barrow, Poole, Dorset.
October 1.

Lottery hopes

From Dr Mark Griffiths

Sir, Diana Ellis (letter, September 28) expresses her concern that fund-raising through the National Lottery will encourage gambling. May I add that:

1. The Government's current policy towards gambling is that it should *not be stimulated in any form.* Since the National Lottery will benefit from high-profile advertising on television and elsewhere, it will clearly contravene this policy.

2. A lottery *is* a form of gambling, although most people seem to view it as intuitively harmless. This may be so for a majority, but in countries where lotteries are well established — e.g., the USA, Spain and Holland — there are now increasing numbers of "compulsive" lottery gamblers seeking professional help. For some people lottery gambling causes as many problems as other forms of gambling.

3. Since the National Lottery is now going to go ahead, the Government should consider giving priority funding to those charities and organisations which provide advice, counselling and treatment for people with severe gambling problems.

Yours faithfully,
MARK GRIFFITHS
(Trustee of the National Council on Gambling),
University of Plymouth,
Psychology Department,
Drake Circus, Plymouth, Devon.

Drawbacks of BAA terminals

From Sir Terence Conran

Sir, One of the perils of privatisation is obviously the compulsion to make more profit and enhance the value of the shareholders' and option scheme holders' investments and in doing so undermine the original objectives of the organisation.

BAA has obviously discovered that it can make more money out of retailing than from running efficient air terminals for travellers. For instance, departures from Terminal 2 at Heathrow would make a souk look well organised and stress-free.

Surely when BAA was privatised its main objective was to act as efficient and well designed gateways to this country and not as shopping mall operators.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE CONRAN,
22 Shad Thames, SE1.
October 3.

Air travel tax

From Mr R. A. Way

Sir, Harvey Elliott ("A tax that flies in the face of reason", Travel News, September 22) highlights some of the issues that are now surfacing as Air Passenger Duty, with its confusingly differing rates, becomes a reality from November 1.

There are many other problems in the administration and collection of the duty that will be felt as time passes. The Americans thought that air transportation tax would be easy, but the control problems and their suggested solutions, particularly for non-US-based carriers, are worthy of a Monty Python or Rowan Atkinson sketch.

Many countries have found that similar taxes can be self-inflicted wounds to the region's economy. With the EC so close to several non-member states, the problems become magnified. Long-haul holidays will be financially attractive. The EC tourist economy will be the loser.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. WAY,
Tudor Knoll, 85 Lower Icknield Way,
Chinnor, Oxfordshire.

US in Haiti

From Brigadier (retd) Nicholas Cocking

Sir, Few would quarrel with William Rees-Mogg's depressing analysis of the probable outcome of the current US involvement in Haiti ("A disaster in the name of democracy", October 3) in which he suggests an unfavourable comparison between President Clinton's handling of his Haiti intervention and the conduct of the two previous, Republican, Administrations.

It is worth remembering, however, that Reagan/Bush initiated the operatically comical invasion of Grenada, Noriega's Panama, and the ill-judged intervention in Lebanon which cost the US Marine Corps so dear. Furthermore it was President Bush who handed his successor the poisoned chalice of Somalia which proved similarly disastrous. Hardly an effective and cautious use of American power, notwithstanding the successful prosecution of the Gulf War.

We must hope for a higher ratio of success as "the new world order" is developed further.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS COCKING,
309 Hawkins House,
Dolphin Square, SW1.

Harvest time

From Mrs Sandra Lewin

Sir, How delighted Mrs Paul Williams must have been when she saw her husband's letter in *The Times* today! If my husband had advertised to the world that I hadn't cleared out and tidied my dressing-table drawer for 20 years, I think I would have made sure that he too joined the skeletal harvest.

Yours faithfully,
S. LEWIN,
3 Bourne End Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.
October 4.

From Mr Roger Cookson

Sir, If Dr Williams should ever become bored, he is welcome to come and clear out my garden shed: there are some prize specimens of spider in there, as my wife will (not so happily) confirm.

Yours,
ROGER COOKSON,
20 Temple Fortune Lane,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.

Spare parts

From Mr Peter Allen

Sir, For many years I have carried in my wallet donor cards for internal organs and corneas. As I approach the age of 70 I wonder whether anyone will want my clapped-out bits and pieces.

At what age does the medical profession decide it has no use for these very private parts?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
PETER ALLEN,
10 Mallocks Close,
Tipton St John, Devon.
October 4.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 4: The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Mrs Hayden have arrived at the Castle.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 4: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, today attended the Annual Public Meeting at the Barbican, London EC2.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the Gala Celebration Concert at the Barbican, London, EC2.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 4: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), and Patron, Exercise Intrepid Samburu, this afternoon received Major Kenneth Hames and members of the expedition team.

Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires) afterwards received Lieutenant-General Anthony Denison-Smith (Colonel of the Regiment).

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 4: The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau, this afternoon departed from Heathrow Airport to accompany the Mission to Singapore and Japan.

Major Nicholas Barne is in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited Northampton and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Northamptonshire (Mr John Lowther).

Her Royal Highness visited Stimpson Avenue Lower School to mark the school's centenary and later opened the new offices of Grant Thornton (Chartered Accountants), Elgin House, Billing Road, Northampton.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.



Brodie: many years as a foreign correspondent

Times man receives OBE

Ian Brodie, *The Times*'s Washington correspondent, was presented with the Order of the British Empire for his services to journalism by Sir Robin Renwick, the British Ambassador to Washington, at the British Embassy in Washington on Monday.

Mr Brodie, 58, formerly Washington bureau chief of *The Daily Telegraph*, joined *The Times* in January 1993.

Sir Robin and Lady Renwick hosted a lunch to mark the occasion at which Sir Robin paid tribute to Mr Brodie's many years as a foreign correspondent in the Far East and Moscow, as well as his time as foreign editor of the *Daily Express* and editor of *The Scottish Daily Express*.



English ceramics as they were found at Raby Castle, right, whose contents sale next week will finance a continuing restoration programme

Castle 'attic sale' likely to fetch £½m

By John Shaw

ONE of the largest medieval strongholds in Britain will be besieged by an army of auction-goers next week for a two-day "attic sale" expected to raise £500,000.

Raby Castle, near Darlington, Co Durham, has been the home of the Neville and Vane families for almost 700 years. The clearout will finance a continuing programme of restoration to its fabric and interiors.

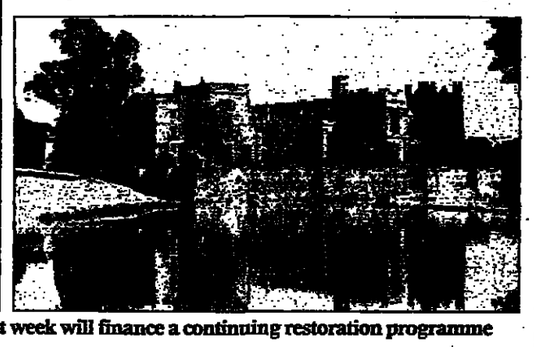
The contents of attics and unused bedrooms have been emptied to provide 600 lots of furniture, procelain, textiles and works of art. They will go under Christie's hammer next Monday and Tuesday.

Regency settees with torn covers estimated at £10,000-£15,000 could be turning up in smart showrooms in Knightsbridge and South Kensington at double the price.

There are sets of Minton Staffordshire and Ridgeway washstands from the Victorian period, and a wide range of period fabrics, curtains, pelmets and loose covers.

Anthony Browne, director in charge of house sales at Christie's, said: "A lot of this stuff comes from other properties, mainly from Cleveland House which is only about 50 yards from Christie's front door in St James's."

Raby was the townhouse of the original Dukes of Cleveland and Earls of Darlington.



RHS flower show

Hues of harvest festival

By Alan Toogood, horticulture correspondent

WITH many trees and shrubs quickly dropping their leaves, it has not been a good year for autumn colour, yet some exhibitors at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened in Westminster yesterday, have put up some colourful displays. And with extensive exhibits of fruits and vegetables, the show has taken on a harvest festival atmosphere.

Mallet Court Nursery, of Taunton, Somerset, has provided scarlet autumn colour from oaks: *Quercus rubra* and *Q. r.* "Aurea", and the deeply lobed *Q. schumardii*. The centrepiece is the rare Chinese hornbeam, *Carpinus schensiensis* whose leaves have turned pale gold.

There is also plenty of autumn colour from Blue Bell Nursery, of Blackfordby, Derbyshire. It is featuring the deciduous holly *Ilex verticullata* and its cultivars "Afterglow", "Winter Red" and "Aurantiaca", whose spineless dark green leaves have not yet fallen.

Starborough Nurseries, of Edenbridge, Kent, have staged a collection of skimmias. The compact, dome-shaped *Skimmia japonica* "Bowles Dwarf" is heavily laden with red berries.

Autumn flowering bulbs add further colour. Newchurch Nerines (Springbank Nursery), of Newchurch, Isle of Wight, is showing a collection of hybrid nerines in a wide range of colours, from pink shades, through salmon to brilliant orange and glowing scarlet. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Large drifts of colchicums have been staged by Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, Middlesex, including all the popular cultivars like "Waterlily", "The Giant" and *C. autumnale*, plus some choice species. Miniature hardy cyclamen such as the dainty pale pink *C. mirabile* are also featured.

Autumn-flowering gentians from Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham, Borders, are creating a blue pool among the autumn tints and include the sky-blue hybrid "Strathmore".

A large collection of phragmipedium orchids is being shown for the first time at Westminster by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, of Trinity, Jersey, and it has been awarded a gold medal. The foundation is carrying out breeding of these orchids and some of their recent cultivars are also to be seen.

Other gold medal winners are William Ash, of Loggerheads, Shropshire (tropical and sub-tropical plants); and S & N Brackley, of Wingrave, Buckinghamshire (sweetpeas).

Among the fruit and vegetable displays, the RHS Garden, Wisley, has staged Fruit through the Ages: a historical exhibit of apples and pears from Roman times, through the Middle Ages to the 20th Century. There is also a colourful exhibit of chilli/hot peppers from a recent trial.

A collection of old and modern apples and pears spanning 300 years has been staged by Joan and Douglas Bolingbroke, amateur fruit frowers from Cirencester, and Gerald Edwards, of Pinner, Middlesex, and includes cooking apple "Golden Noble" (1796) which ripens to golden yellow, and the modern dessert apple "Gala" and its red sport "Royal Gala".

W. Robinson & Sons, of Forton, Lamcashire, are exhibiting their famous range of vegetables, and have included squashes. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Several competitions are being held with this show, including the RHS ornamental plants competition. The Winkworth Arboretum, of Godalming, Surrey, has won the class for four trees or shrubs with autumn fruits, and the class for autumn foliage with *Stuartia malacodendron*.

In the British National Carnation Society's autumn show, Mr D. Donaldson, of Dumfries, has won the Daily Mail cup for most points in the six-bloom classes for perpetual-flowering carnations. His vase of "Ron's Joanne" (bright pink, flecked white) was judged best vase in show.

Mr A. Buller, of Chessington, Surrey, has won the class for nine dishes of apples and pears; and the Eastcote Horticultural Society, Middlesex, has scooped the affiliated societies' challenge cup for apples and pears.

Mr M. Tivey, of Long Eaton, Nottinghamshire, has won the George Monro challenge cup for a collection of 12 dishes of vegetables; and Mr R. Criddle, of Tonna Neath, West Glamorgan, has won the Riddell trophy for six kinds of vegetables.

The show, in the Horticultural Halls, Greycoat Street and Vincent Square, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Birthdays today

Sir Raymond Appleyard, biologist, 72; Mr Robin Bailey, actor, 75; Professor Sir Malcolm Brown, geologist, 69; Mr Ray Clemence, footballer, 46; Miss Stephanie Cole, 53; Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, former chairman, Ferranti, 67; Sir John Dent, former chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, 71; Mr Bob Geldof, rock singer and initiator, Band Aid, 43; the Right Rev Robert Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln, 58; Mr Václav Havel, President of the Czech Republic, 58; Lord Holderness, 74; Miss Elly Jansen, founder, Richmond Fellowship, 65; Miss Glynis Johns, actress, 71; Mr Robert Kee, broadcaster, 75; Mr Herbert Kretzmer, journalist and lyricist, 69; Mrs Kate Losinska, trade unionist, 70; Mr David Mellor, silversmith and designer, 64; Mr Bruce Millan, former MP, 67; Sir Edward Peck, diplomat, 79; Mr Donald Pleasence, actor, 75; Sir Douglas Ranger, otolaryngologist, 78; Mr Richard Rosser, trade unionist, 50; Mr Timothy Smith, MP, 47; Sir Richard Thompson, former MP, 82; Mr Dave Watson, footballer, 48.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jonathan Edwards, theologian, East Windsor, Connecticut, 1703; Denis Diderot, philosopher and encyclopaedist, Langres, France, 1713; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer", Dalmeny, 1721; William Scoresby, clergyman and Arctic explorer, Whitby, 1789; Chester Arthur, 21st American President 1881-85, Fairfield, Vermont, 1830; Thomas Power O'Connor, journalist and politician, Athlone, 1848; Robert Hunchings Goddard, pioneer of rocketry, Worcester, Massachusetts, 1882.

DEATHS: Joachim Patenier, painter, Antwerp, 1524; Charles Cornwallis, 1st Marquess Cornwallis, soldier and statesman, Ghazipore, India, 1805; Jacques Offenbach, composer, Paris, 1880; Jean Vigo, film director, Paris, 1934; Leonard Rossiter, actor and comedian, London 1984.

Bulgaria declared its independence from Turkey, 1908.

Sir Arthur Lee donated Chequers to the nation as a country retreat for British prime ministers, 1917.

The Jarrow march of the unemployed began their journey to London, 1936.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will visit Land Rover in Solihull at 10.30; and as Master of the Woolmen's Company, will attend the annual church service at St Michael's, Cornhill, at 6.25; and will attend a supper at the City of London Club at 7.30.

Dinner

Institute of Actuaries
The President of the Institute of Actuaries, Mr Christopher Daykin, was host last night at a Dinner held in Staple Inn for guests from the Boards of life insurance companies. The Right Hon Lord Jenkin of Roding replied to Mr Daykin's welcome.

Service dinner

Colonels Commandant Royal Artillery
General Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner, St James's Park, presided at the annual dinner of the Colonels Commandant Royal Regiment of Artillery held last night at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich.

Dinner

English-Speaking Union
General Sir Peter de la Billière was the guest of honour and speaker at a literary dinner given by the Herefordshire and Worcestershire branch of the English-Speaking Union last night at Malvern College. Mr George Pushman presided.

Gray's Inn

Judge Loyd, QC, has been elected a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain W.J.O. Fooks and Miss J.S. Bryan-Brown
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Fooks, of Beckley, East Sussex, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Bryan-Brown, of Heathfield, East Sussex.

Dr M.R. Garnett and Dr V.A. Kirthi Singha
The engagement is announced between Matthew Romney, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Daniel, of Carden, Cheshire, and Viveca Anjali, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Kirthi Singha, of Seod, Surrey and Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Mr N.D. Giffin and Ms B.S. Carney
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Carl Giffin, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Bernadette, daughter of the late Mr Michael Carney and of Mrs Theresa Carney, of Bolton, Lancashire.

Mr J.A.N. Goold and Miss E.L. Sewell
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Goold, of Cogolin, France, and Emma, daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Sewell, of Woodnesborough, Kent.

Mr T.W. Koster and Miss A.J. Farr
The engagement is announced between Todd, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. Koster, of Sydney, Australia, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian (Tommy) Farr, of Chigwell, Essex.

Mr J.P. Ness and Miss F.E. Harvie-Liddel
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.B. Ness, of Knutsford, Cheshire, and Fiona Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.B. Harvie-Liddel, of Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire.

Mr G.N. Rankin and Miss A. von Knieriem
The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Sir Ian Rankin and Mrs Alexandra Asseily, of London, and Alexandra, daughter of Dr Jürgen von Knieriem and Mrs Monica von Pott, of Heidelberg and Vienna.

Mr M.L. Satterthwaite and Miss E.A. Harris
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of the late Mr Peter Satterthwaite, of Montreal, and of Mrs Gleana Satterthwaite, of Glasgow, and Elaine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stewart Harris, of Dundee.

Mr J.P.T. Thurston and Miss L.C. Manning
The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr John G.B. Thurston and Mrs J.E. Thurston, of London, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.N. Manning, of Orpington.

Mr A.J.C. Williams and Miss A.V. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of Mr and Mrs Simon Williams, and Anna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Taylor, both of Castletown, Isle of Man.

Memorial services

Mrs Blanche Lucas
A memorial service for Mrs Blanche Lucas, solicitor, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. The Rector, Canon John Oates, officiated. The addresses were by Dame Margaret Booth and Mr Harvey McGregor, QC. Readings were by Mr Andrew Roth and Mr David Hodson.

A reception for those attending followed at the offices of Frere Cholmeley Bischoff.

Group Captain Christopher Clarkson
A memorial service for Group Captain Christopher Clarkson was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev G.B. McAvoy officiated; Sir George Edwards read *Psalm 121* and Mr Matthew Dobbs, grandson, read from the works of Thomas Hardy. Sir Peter Masefield gave an address.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government in Edinburgh Castle to honour members of the public who, during the past year, have significantly assisted the police.

Cheshire Lieutenancy
The Vice Lord Lieutenant, the Hon Michael Flower, and Mrs Flower were the hosts at a Cocktail Party held last evening at Arley Hall for the Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire, Mr William Bromley Davenport, and Mrs Bromley Davenport, attended by Deputy Lieutenants and other guests.

Marriages

Mr C.D. Mathews and Miss A.E. Flynn
A service of blessing was held on Saturday, October 1, at St Michael and All Angels' Church, East Anstey, Devon, to celebrate the marriage of Colin David to Anna Elizabeth.

Mr H.J.N. Obbard and Miss C. Kusumowinahyu
The marriage took place on October 1, 1994, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, Mayfair, between Mr Hugh Obbard, son of Lieutenant Colonel Guy Obbard and the late Mrs Marion Whitaker, and Miss Caecilia Kusumowinahyu, daughter of Mrs Bertiane Hapsoro Soeparwoto and the late Mr Hapsoro Soeparwoto.

The bride, who was given away by Mr Bondan Winnano, was attended by Miss Rebecca Corbett, Miss Louise Corbett, Miss Annabel Jenkins, Master Tom Scott and the Hon John Eden. Mr Rupert Williams was best man.

A reception was held at 9 Halkin Street, Belgravia, and the honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

The Royal Academy of Engineering

Sir William Barlow, FEng, President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at the 1994 Christopher Hinton Lecture held last night at the Glaziers' Hall, London. The guest speaker was Mr Robert Lutz, President and Chief Operating Officer, Chrysler Corporation who spoke on "Re-engineering the Corporation for the '90s".

Luncheon

Britain-Australia Society
Sir John Leahy was elected Chairman of the Britain-Australia Society at the annual meeting held yesterday at Australia House.

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It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh can achieve nothing; the words I have spoken to you are both spirit and life. St. John 6 : 63 (REB)

BIRTHS

ASQUITH - On October 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Negreth) and Jonathan, a son, Matthew Henry George, a brother for William and Harriet.

BADENACH-NICHOLSON - On 4th October, to Claire (née Pilton) and George, a daughter.

BRITTON - On September 26th, to Caroline (née Lustig) and Edward, a daughter, Isobel Charlotte Gurney.

CHILDS - 7.10 am October 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary Beth Sutter and Curtis Malcom. A healthy and beautiful daughter, Lauren, their first child.

COE - On September 29th, to Nicola and Sebastian, a son, Harry Sebastian Newbold, a brother for Madeleine Rose.

DURRSFORD - On October 3rd 1994, in Christchurch, New Zealand, to Carrie (née Mueller) and Jonathan, a daughter.

FOWLER - Victoria and Lucerne are proud to announce God's gift, Tom Henry Redvers, on 21st September at Winchester. Precious first grandson of Dora Arthur Fowler, of Exeter, Devon.

BIRTHS

GRIFFIN - On 25th September 1994 at The Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, to Janet (née Turner) and Paul, a handsome son, Alexander Jake, a brother for Leonie Sabrina.

HACKET PAIN - On 15th September, to Elizabeth and Nicholas, a son, Wyndham Richard Llewellyn.

LAURIE - On October 4th, to Louise and Andrew, a daughter.

MACDONALD - On September 27th at St George's Hospital, to Emma (née Godfrey-Isaacs) and Stuart, a beautiful daughter, Eloise Florence Marie. A granddaughter for Joy and Godfrey Godfrey-Isaacs and Dr. Laurence and Prof. John MacDonald and a great-granddaughter for Mrs Sally Dorph.

MALTBY - On October 2nd, to Emma (née Foden) and Andrew, a son, George James.

MOORE-GILLON - On 3rd October, to Victoria (née Kirby) and John, a daughter, Claudia Elizabeth Rose, a sister for Edwin and Olivia. Special thanks to the wonderful team at St Thomas' Hospital.

MOSTYN-OWEN - On September 28th, to Candida (née Pryce-Jones) and Owen, a daughter, Poppy, a sister for Gemma.

PARKER - On September 28th 1994, to Martina and Andrew, a daughter, Anna Alexandra Rosemary.

PARKER - On October 1st, to Mikaela (née Norton) and Adam, a son, Mungo John.

SIDE - On September 30th, to Julia (née Harcombe) and Adam, a daughter, Harriet Rebecca.

STYLIANOUDES - On September 28th, to Karen (née Dearsley) and Anthony, a son, Alexander, a brother for Kelly.

THORNTON-KEMSLEY - On September 22nd 1994, to Orietta (née Stevenson) and Ian, a son, Thomas William.

TREEDDEN - On September 27th in Derbyshire, to Claire (née Harrap) and Hereward, a son, George Carrick, a brother for Sam.

VAUGHAN-JACKSON - On 30th September 1994 at Yeovil General Hospital, to Jennie (née Lee) and Colin, twins, David and Alun, brothers for Huw.

WILTSHIRE - On 4th October 1994 at 9am in Rochford Hospital, to Joanne (née Lang) and John, a son, Patrick.

WORDEE - On 1st October, at St Thomas', to Kristina (née MacKenzie-Charrington) and Roderick, a son, Frederick, a brother to Camilla.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BERRY-HULL - On 3rd October 1944 at Christ Church, Bath, Sam, Ldr, Lloyd (Bill) to Margaret Nina. Still at 1/18 Marlon Crescent, Exmouth EX8 1BG

DEATHS

BAIRD - David, aged 71 years. Eldest son of the late Dr. and Mrs. James Baird of Sunderland, died on 4th October 1994 in Australia after a long illness.

BENSUSAN - Winnie, on 23rd May passed away peacefully in S˜ao Paulo, Brazil, having son Michael in Canada and daughter Susan Bellows in S˜ao Paulo, Brazil.

BEVAN - Howard, suddenly on 2nd October 1994, at the wheel of his Bugatti in France. Beloved husband of Ann, much loved father of Simon, Mark, James and David. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and colleagues. Funeral to be held at Ropley Church. Family flowers only. Enquiries and donations c/o Kemp & Stevens, tel: (0420) 85177.

BROWNSELL - Marjorie Hilda Una, on October 2nd 1994, peacefully. Widow of Noel, dearly loved mother of John and of the late Catherine. Service at St Giles Church, Great Longstone, Derbyshire, on Monday October 10th at 11.am. Enquiries tel: (0629) 882097.

CAULTON - Marjorie Gertrude, much loved and loving mother to Judy and Jeremy and grandmother to Elisabeth and Mark. Peacefully on Sunday October 2nd.

COCHRAN - We are sad to report that Jonathan Jeffery Cochran died on Sunday 2nd October 1994 in London. Jeff was born on 10th November 1962 and has been associated with The Montgomery Network since 1986. It was well-known that Jeff had been ill for some time, and this he bore with great dignity and courage. There will be a private cremation at West London Crematorium on Thursday 6th October 1994 at 3.45 pm and a reception at 6 pm at St Paul's Church, Robert Adams Street, London W1. Donations can be made to the research fund at:- Frederick Andrewes' Ward Fund, 4th Floor, King George V Building, St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London EC1A.

COOPER - On October 1st at home, Robert Henry, Dearly beloved husband of Teri and much loved father and grandfather. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service on Friday 14th October at 2.30pm at Blandford St Mary Church, nr. Blandford, Dorset. No flowers please, but donations to the Parkinson's Disease Society c/o Colin J. Close Funeral Service, 1B Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dorset, tel: (0258) 453133.

CROSSEN - Of Hutton, Brentwood, on 3rd October, Jean, beloved wife of Jack, loving mother of David and Richard and Naoma to Nina, Alice and David. Funeral Service to take place at Chelmsford Crematorium on Monday 10th October at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation c/o Bennetts Brentwood Ltd, 120 High Street, Brentwood, Essex.

DURAND - On 1st October 1994, at home at Pett Level, Victor Albert Charles, aged 86. Funeral at St Mary and St Peter, Pett, on Wednesday 12th October 1994 at 2.30pm.

FINDLATER - On Friday 30th September at Battle Hospital, Reading, Mary Barbara (Molly), wife of the late H. Maxwell Findlater, mother of Alex and Helen and grandmother of Catherine, Christopher, Frederica and Leonora. Funeral 2.30 pm Friday 7th October at Buckleburv Church. Family flowers only please, donations to Earl Haig Poppy Fund.

GAUNT - On 3rd October 1994, at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Peter, dearly loved husband of Beryl and father of David, Jonathan and Penelope. "So dearly loved by all his family". Service at Guildford Crematorium on Friday 7th October at 11.20 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the National Stroke Association, tel: (0483) 278798.

HATCH - On Monday October 3rd 1994, Ruth Hannah, passed away peacefully at her home in Cambridge, in her 89th year. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday October 11th at 3.pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Multiple Sclerosis Society may be sent to Brian Warner Funeral Service, 4 Harsfield Court, Hartington Grove, Cambridge, CB1 4UB.

JOHNSTON - On October 4th 1994, at home after a short illness, Graham (Johnny). Much loved husband of the late Joan, the devoted father of Philippa, Michael, Andrew and Fiona and grandfather of Alexander, Jack, Edward and Freddie. Private cremation. Family flowers only but if desired donations to David Beake Cancer Research Campaign, Area Office, Barn House Lane, Lower Street, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 2BS. Memorial Service at a date to be announced.

LEWIN - On October 4th 1994, Vera Mary (née McLean), aged 87 at home in Nairobi, after a short illness.

MYNORS - On 2nd October, Mary Laurence, wife of David Mynors, a dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Faiths Church, Shellingford, Oxon., on Saturday 8th October at 2.45pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to a charity of your choice.

NASH - On September 29th, suddenly at home, John Heddle, beloved husband of Joan and son of Heddle and Violet Nash. Funeral arrangements to follow.

PARKER - Hugo, we all miss you dearly. Matt, Jane, Sim, Milly, Paul, Jamie, Ade, Mike and the rest of the crew.

PATTEN - Jack, died peacefully in St George's Nursing Home, London SW1, on 4th October 1994. Dearly loved husband of the late Marie (Mitzi) née Sforza and brother of Maurice and beloved father to Erica Gillespie and John Patten and grandfather to Ian, Maisra and Mary-Claire.

PELHAM - On October 2nd 1994, David Montgomery, impresario. Father of Jasmin and Ariana. Funeral Service Saturday October 8th 11.15 am at Kensal Green Cemetery Chapel. Afterwards at the Halcyon Hotel, 81 Holland Park, W11. Family flowers only. Should you wish donations to the Abada Foundation c/o Brain and Gamble Funeral Directors, tel: (071) 385-7625.

PHILLIPS - Ray, on October 1st, at home in Muswell Hill, after a strong fight against cancer. Formerly of Highbury, Stoke Newington and Seaview, Isle of Wight. Deeply mourned by wife Gillian and daughter Rachel. Funeral Monday October 10th. For arrangements tel: (081) 444-3518.

POP - George Teodore on September 29th 1994, aged 66. After a short illness in London. Funeral in Andorra. There will be a Memorial Service in London, on a date to be announced.

PURSEHOUSE - On September 29th, Captain Edward Mist Pursehouse D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N. (Retd), died peacefully. Beloved father of Michael and Phillipa, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist, Crowthorne, on Monday October 10th at 3pm.

RIDGEWAY - At dawn on September 30th at St Thomas Hospital, Jeremy, beloved son of Tony and Valerie, loving brother to Timothy, Simon, Mark and Sara. Service at All Saints Church, Upper Norwood, at 2.30 pm Friday 7th October, followed by cremation at West Norwood Crematorium.

SCLATER - After an aircrash in Argentina, Robert H., aged 64, Formerly of Newick, Sussex and Calgary and Toronto, Canada. Dearly husband of Madeleine, proud father of Andrew and Colin. Son of Mrs Kay and the late Gilbert E. Sclater of Newick, brother of Edward Sclater and Jane Anderson. Enquiries to R.A. Brooks & Son, Newick. tel: (0825) 722896 or (0444) 454391.

SHELSHEARDINE - Joan Mary, at Chilton House, near Aylesbury, in her 96th year, formerly of Woodstock. Founder of The Sarsen Press and lifelong friend of the late Flora Grierson. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium at 2.45 pm on Friday 7th October. At her request no flowers but donations in lieu to the RSPCA.

SOPPER - On October 2nd, at home, after a long illness, Lt. Col. John Bertram Sopper RA, aged 90. Beloved husband of Hulma, father of Alec, Jane and Maggie and grampa to Zoe, Jamie, Michelle, Fiona and Nicole. Funeral at St Michael and All Angels, Lockabottom, on Tuesday 11th October at 10am. Flowers welcome or donations, if desired, to the Army Benevolent Fund, 41 Queen's Gate, SW7 5HR.

SPENS - Mabel, peacefully on October 2nd 1994, at Chelmsford Nursing Home. Dear friend of Kathleen and half-sister to Dido, Pam and Jean. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, on Monday October 10th 1994, at 12 noon. Donations, if desired, to Chelmsford Nursing Home c/o T. Pocock & Son, Funeral Directors, 1/3 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford CM2 7DW.

ST. MAUR - On October 3rd 1994, peacefully after her courageous long fight against Multiple Sclerosis. Sheila, devoted mother of Caroline, Lally and Pippa. Funeral Service at St James's Church, Gerrards Cross, at 1.30 pm on Thursday 13th October. Family flowers only, donations please to The Multiple Sclerosis Society c/o H.C. Grimshaw Funeral Directors tel: (0753) 691200.

STRAKER - On Thursday September 29th in Los Angeles, Simon Charles, dearly loved son of Ivan Straker and of Gillian Shelling and adored brother of Hugo and Clare. Funeral private, service in London to be announced later.

TOWNSEND - On October 3rd 1994, in Dublin, Louise, beloved wife of Peter. Deeply regretted by her loving husband, sons Stuart and Dylan, daughter Chloe, relatives and friends. Funeral tomorrow Thursday 6th after 11 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Assumption, Howth, Dublin, to Glasnevin Crematorium.

WALKER - On October 1st, peacefully, Agnes Joyce (Nan) aged 92, youngest daughter of the late Archibald and Sarah. Beloved aunt of Victoria and Geraldine. Funeral Service on 12th October 2.30 pm at St Marylebone Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation.

WILKINSON - On September 29th 1994, Ann "Nancy" aged 91 years, of Langport, Somerset, much loved mother of John Pergrine. Cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Thursday October 6th at 10.30 am. Enquiries and flowers c/o Forsey & Son, Pound Pool, Somerton, Somerset.

WILLIAMS - Bertha (known as Betty) on 3rd October 1994, peacefully at home, in Prestatyn with all her family. Beloved wife of Bernard and much loved mother. Requiem Mass at The Roman Catholic Church of Saints Peter and Frances, Prestatyn, at 12 pm. Friday 7th October, followed by interment. Donations may be sent in her memory to Macmillan Nurses Prestatyn.

ZEISLER - On October 2nd 1994, Harold Colin (Colin), much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, ... private funeral, memorial to be held later.

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SIR MAURICE FIENNES

Sir Maurice Fiennes, industrialist, died on September 14 aged 87. He was born on March 1, 1907.



ONE of the "export knights" created by the Harold Wilson Government in 1965, Maurice Fiennes had played a leading part in 1956 in securing a contract which was, at the time, the biggest single export order ever brought to Britain. Under his chairmanship the Davy and United Engineering Company went on to establish, during the early 1960s, an export record unrivalled in the heavy engineering field, with overseas contracts which represented 71 per cent of the company's order book.

Maurice Alberic Twistleton-Wykeham Fiennes was educated at Repton and at Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He served an engineering apprenticeship with Ransomes & Rapier of Ipswich and then, from 1930 to 1937, was with Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth & Co (Engineers) as manager of the pneumatic tool department at the Scotswood Works, Newcastle.

He joined the United Steel Companies of Sheffield in 1937, remaining there for five years, first as commercial assistant to the managing director and later in charge of gun forgings and gun departments at Steel, Peech and Tozer. He was also responsible for the promotion of other special armament activities carried out by the United Steel Companies during that period. In 1942 he moved to Loughborough to become general works director of Brush Electrical Engineering, eventually assuming special responsibility for the steam turbine division.

In 1945 Fiennes was appointed managing director of Davy and United Engineering and over the following 17 years led the build-up of the company's resources in Sheffield and Glasgow to the point where it represented the largest design and manufacturing organisation in the Commonwealth for rolling mills, forging presses and other related plant vital to steel production. These resources formed a major element of the Davy-Ashmore Group which was established as a result of a merger in 1960 of the former Davy-United and Power-Gas groups.

Fiennes played a leading part in the arrangement of this merger, which brought together within one organisation financial and technical resources for the execution of complete contracts in the field of iron and steelmaking on a scale that had never previously been available from any single British manufacturer. It meant that the construction of complete steelworks could be undertaken as a turnkey or package deal.

This process began in the 1950s when the Indian government was planning to set up a vast integrated iron and steel works at Durgapur in West Bengal. By itself Davy and United could not hope to undertake the whole £120 million contract but did not want to let the work slip by default. Fiennes, therefore, set about putting together the Iscon consortium with 13 companies which between them had the resources and expertise to undertake the whole project.

Durgapur caused Fiennes to realise that his company's future lay in building large iron and steel plants overseas as turnkey or package projects. The Davy-Ashmore group was a combine of eight companies capable of organising financing and undertaking complete contracts of iron and steel works as well as designing and supplying plant for the gas, chemical and petrochemical industries, for non-ferrous metal manufacture and for processing oils, fats and fertilisers.

The reorganisation was geared particularly to reaching export markets and to further this, Fiennes set up the Davy-Ashmore Export Company, the function of which was to market rather than simply to sell its product and, if necessary, to assist in the raising of the necessary finance. At the time the setting up of a company expressly to handle exports was regarded as a dynamic and novel solution.

Maurice Fiennes was a big man with a great deal of energy but, in spite of a somewhat formidable presence, he had a mild, self-depreciating and humorous manner.

During the 1970s he was a steel industry adviser for the United Nations in Peru and for the World Bank in Venezuela. He was a member of the Economic Development Committee for Mechanical Engineering, 1964-67, and president of the Iron and Steel Institute, 1962-63. His recreations were tennis, swimming, art and music; for some years he was chairman of the Sheffield Philharmonic Committee and was a governor of the Yehudi Menuhin School, 1969-84.

He is survived by his wife Erika, whom he married in 1967, and by two sons and three daughters from his previous marriage.

REX MOORFOOT

Rex Moorfoot, broadcaster, died on September 26 aged 73. He was born on January 28, 1921.



FOR 17 years from 1960 Rex Moorfoot was at the heart of BBC television in charge of the operational centre ensuring that programmes were transmitted professionally and in line with the network controllers' wishes. As Head of Presentation during those years, Moorfoot presided over the department responsible for the announcements that preceded programmes, the promotion of future programmes and the weather forecasts.

Moorfoot gave this formal task an editorial style which gave the two BBC channels distinctive identities. To do so he dispensed with the announcers who used to appear on the screen and replaced them with graphics, some more stylish than others.

When he was appointed to the job in 1960 Moorfoot had a revolutionary idea: he wanted BBC TV programmes to run to time. ITV had enjoyed this system from the start. Within the BBC, timing used to be elastic and Moorfoot used his diplomatic skills to persuade producers to be more disciplined.

Rex Moorfoot was born in Scunthorpe and grew up in the Midlands. He joined the BBC in 1937 as a Youth in Training, one of the poorly-worded appointments beloved by administrators in those days. In 1941 he joined the Fleet Air Arm and served as a radar instructor all over the world. After the war he returned to the BBC and went to Bush House. He started *London Calling Asia*, a popular programme emanating from the Far Eastern Service.

But the attractions of the television service drew him to Lime Grove. He became a producer in the quaintly-named Television Talks Department where he worked for Leonard Miall and Grace Wyndham Goldie and rubbed shoulders with Alasdair Milne, Michael Peacock, Huw Wheldon, David Attenborough and Jack Ashley.

In 1958 he was appointed editor of *Panorama* which by that time had become required viewing on Monday night. *Panorama* did not see him at his best. Moorfoot was not enough of a political animal to enjoy the hothouse atmosphere engendered by a weekly programme.

His promotion to Head of Presentation in 1960 was widely welcomed. Although he had moved away from the making of programmes Moorfoot thoroughly enjoyed his time at the centre of the television service.

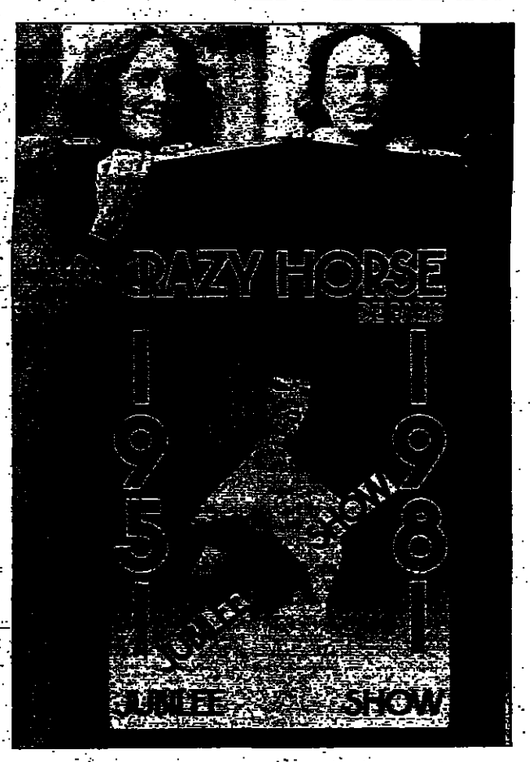
When BBC2 began in April 1964, he and his deputy Rowan Ayers offered the new channel some innovative ideas, produced in a tiny overhot presentation studio. Here reigned Joan Bakewell over *Late Night Line Up*, here Barry Norman began his weekly film programme, here were the sounds of *The Old Grey Whistle Test* and here Delia Smith made her first cookery programme. Presentation struck a rich vein of programmes and Moorfoot was proud and protective of his team. He retired from the post in 1977.

Moorfoot was a genial man with a ready smile and a perpetual youthful look. He was intensely loyal to the BBC and was an important figure during the golden age of television.

He was married in 1945 and his wife, Suzette, and their two daughters survive him.

ALAIN BERNARDIN

Alain Bernardin, French nightclub owner, was found dead from gunshot wounds in Paris on September 16 aged 78. He was born in Dijon on January 9, 1916.



ALAIN BERNARDIN was the founder of one of the landmarks of Parisian nightlife — the Crazy Horse Saloon on the Avenue George V. Maurice Chevalier, George Balanchine, Salvador Dali, Graham Greene, Elvis Presley and Woody Allen all visited the place regularly when they were in Paris. Rudolf Nureyev would sit alone at his table, scribbling notes furiously as he watched scantily-clad women performing syncopated dance routines, and later, in the drawing rooms of friends like Françoise Sagan, would execute minutely-observed imitations of the girls' movements.

The Crazy Horse first opened its doors to an unsuspecting Parisian public in the early 1950s. Before this there had been the old Folies Bergères — a tourist attraction for years — which employed topless women on stage, though they were not dancing at the time (they were not in fact even moving). There were also the slow, ritualised American striptease dances which Bernardin had studied on film.

Under Bernardin's direction, the striptease became something quite new — a fast, imaginative dance built around a theme. For instance, a "changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace" routine would involve girls wearing bearskin hats and black boots. Bernardin valued personality in his girls; parody in the costumes; wit, energy and speed in the performance. His point was that something erotic need not be unamusing, though he tried not to make his girls look ridiculous: if he dressed a dancer in little more than an American football helmet, the point, he claimed, was to make the helmet look ludicrous, and not the girl.

Alain Bernardin was born in Dijon and in 1935 did a two-year hotel management course at the Ritz in London. He worked in the reception and later the grill, but one thing which particularly impressed him was the Ritz's cabaret.

After the war he opened a bistro in Paris called Paul et Virginie, and hired a pianist and singer to entertain the customers as they ate. It was a success, but on a small scale, and one of his regulars, Bing Crosby, came up with the idea of creating a "saloon" nightclub in Paris. The name Crazy Horse was chosen over those of other famous Sioux Indian chiefs, Sitting Bull and Red Cloud, since the word "crazy" was then a buzzword in Paris, introduced by American jazz musicians. The Crazy Horse Saloon opened its doors in May 1951 in a basement in the Avenue George V, nestling in among the couture houses on one of the most elegant boulevards in Paris.

It started as a parody of the Wild West bar with doormen wearing Canadian Mountie coats, and singers performing old staples like "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and "Clementine". But soon afterwards, Bernardin saw a Marx Brothers film, *Desire Dancers*, and decided to turn the act around. He began with five naked women, dancing to cleverly orchestrated routines, and a new singer, Charles Aznavour.

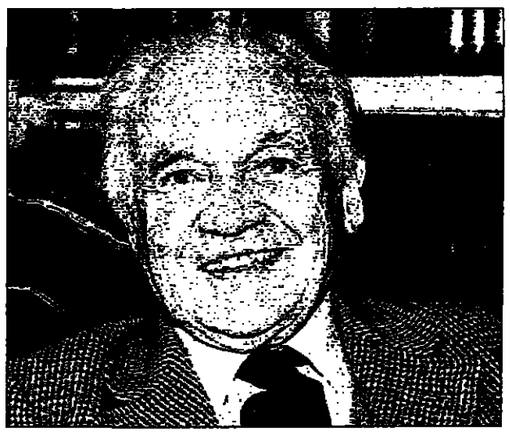
Almost immediately, the club gained a scandalous reputation, one which inevitably mellowed over the years as it became a predictable fixture on tourist itineraries — equally as popular with women as with men. But unlike the Folies Bergères, it managed to retain some of its old charm. This was despite, or perhaps because of, its limitations: the stage was tiny — hardly, from the audience's point of view, more than a shallow picture frame some 20 ft across — and as a result, the girls on stage seemed abnormally large. Many of them were English, a nationality Bernardin particularly valued for their punctuality.

As a man, Bernardin was elegant, fastidious and alert. He had enormous concentration, a ruthless streak and the sort of energy that would probably have taken him to the top of any profession. He never loosened his grip on the reins of the Crazy Horse, eating at his table there every night and recently considerably enlarging the premises. He was obsessed with protecting the copyright on the club's name, and was usually involved in some legal battle or other with an imitation "Crazy Horse" club on the other side of the world.

He leaves his second wife Marie-Claude, formerly a dancer at the Crazy Horse under the name of "Lova Moor", whom he married in 1985, and two sons and a daughter from his first marriage.

REGINALD SPINK

Reginald Spink, wartime Special Operations Executive agent, died in London on September 15 aged 88. He was born on December 9, 1905.



REGINALD SPINK was one of the last of a band of Britons and Danes who sustained the Danish resistance to the German occupiers in the Second World War.

Born in York, Reginald William Spink left school at 14, got a job with Rowntrees, toyed with acting and won a scholarship to Fircroft College, a Quaker establishment near Birmingham. A chance meeting there with a member of the Danish Social Democratic Party took Spink to Denmark. He continued his studies there, involved himself in Social Democratic politics, taught English, broadcast in English for Danish Radio, and met and married his wife, Else Buus.

Gradually, Spink built up a portfolio of work as a journalist writing in English about the Scandinavian, and particularly the Social Democratic, scene. When war broke out, he was employed by the British Embassy in Copenhagen, and when Germany invaded Denmark in April 1940, he and his family were evacuated with the embassy staff. He was then attached to the embassy in Rome until Mussolini entered the war and Spink was evacuated — for the second time in two months — this time to Britain.

There he was recruited by Special Operations Executive (SOE), whose leaders realised the value of his links with a wide range of politicians of the Danish left. Danish resistance started slowly, in part because the Danish government had acquiesced in occupation rather than going, like the Norwegians, Dutch and Belgians, into exile. But gradually, Spink and his colleagues helped to build up a wide range of resistance groups, which operated bravely and increasingly effectively against the Germans. Spink and his colleagues were tireless advocates in London of the Danish cause.

Gradually the allied perception of Denmark changed because of the work of the resistance and of the efforts of Spink's team. From being regarded as a country that had seemed to come to terms rather readily with German occupation it was soon seen as a valued ally against them.

At the same time Spink was giving valuable service to the propaganda work of the Political Warfare Executive and broadcasting to Denmark for the BBC. He returned to Denmark at its liberation in May 1945 and resumed his work as a teacher and journalist. He was *The Financial Times* Copenhagen correspondent from 1946 to 1949, and with a Danish friend, Jens Otto Krag who later became Prime Minister, wrote a book in Danish about Britain's postwar recovery.

In 1949 Spink moved back to London and for three decades made use of his Danish contacts in a wide variety of journalistic and literary roles: as a drama critic for a Danish newspaper, as a theatrical agent's representative, and as a translator and editor of Danish government publications in English. He published his memoirs in Danish in 1983.

The relationship between Britain and Denmark was the foundation of Spink's life and work, and he will be widely mourned in Denmark. But he took an interest in all things European, and in his late eighties he visited Barcelona, Berlin and Zagreb. His work for Denmark was marked by the award of the Danish Freedom Medal, the Order of the Dannebrog, and the Ebbe Munck award.

He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

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A GRAMOPHONE CONCERT

Yesterday afternoon, in a room at the Savoy Hotel, the temerarious gramophone challenged comparison with the living voices of two famous singers. Mme Clara Butt and Mr Kennerley Rumford appeared before an invited audience to sing certain pieces and then to listen to the gramophone's versions of the singing of them, taken, not on the spot, but on some previous occasion. Mme Clara Butt sang Mr Landon Ronald's "Believe me if all those endearing young charms" to the composer's accompaniment on the piano; then Mr Ronald remained at the piano and, while the gramophone gave its reproduction of Mme Butt's singing of the song, accompanied it once more with the soft pedal down. Mr Kennerley Rumford sang Maud Valérie White's "King Charles", so familiar in the voice of Mr Plunket Greene, and the gramophone repeated it; and the singers joined in two duets, Mme Lehmann's "Snowdrops" and the "Night Hymn at Sea". It must be admitted that the gramophone came very well through its ordeal. The instrument has improved so much of late that we have almost forgotten the days when it began every piece with an imitation of cats fighting. Had we not just listened to the singers *viva voce* we should certainly have declared the gramophone's a wonderful imitation. Wonderful, indeed, it is — and it seemed more wonderful than ever under the conditions of yesterday's performance — in the mere fact of its singing at all and reproducing so unmistakably the voices we had just heard. But with Mme Clara Butt's tones still ringing in our ears it was impossible not to notice that it had introduced a faint nasal tinge into her lower notes and tightened some of her higher notes so as to give the impression that her throat was not fully open. The volume of sound it could hardly hope to equal; but something remains yet to be done in the direction of quality. An odd little weakness on the instrument's part is its inability to pronounce sibilants — it lisps. Otherwise the words were extraordinarily clear. Some of the other selections from the répertoires of Mme Butt and Mr Rumford which formed the rest of the programme showed a very unsatisfactory reproduction of the orchestral accompaniments, which suggested a wheezy harmonium. But it remains wonderful that any mechanism should do what the gramophone does.

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Dame Clara Butt and her husband, Kennerley Rumford, sang. Landon Ronald accompanied, and then the audience heard a recording of the singing. The gramophone "came very well through its ordeal".

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Beanz mean

The Heritage Secretage may be tempted by Michael Grade to tinker with Channel 4 — but if it ain't broke, why fix it?

This channel needs no adjustment



BRENDA MADDOX

At the preview of Ken Loach's *Ladybird, Ladybird* last week, Gerald Kaufman, MP, spluttered against *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. "Not an English film. Just a vehicle for a Hollywood star."

As chairman of the National Heritage Committee, however, Mr Kaufman should be less concerned about the extent to which the runaway Hugh Grant-Andie MacDowell hit is "English" — a film ingredient even harder to define than "European" — than with the fact that, like the new Loach tearjerker, it owes its existence in large part to a unique British institution, Channel 4.

But success, as Channel 4 is learning, has its dangers. Some Conservative MPs, not having had the benefit of Mr Kaufman's committee's recent fact-finding trip to Hollywood, might begin to think that Channel 4 is now rolling in money. In fact, Channel 4 will get a few million pounds from the £800,000 it invested in *Four Weddings* — nice, but just a drop in the annual £325 million or so it earns from selling advertising.

More worrying is the possibility that the fierce campaign being waged by Channel 4's chief executive, Michael Grade, to remove the channel's safety net will succeed too well. He and his team will take it personally to the Heritage Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, this month.

Channel 4's discomfiture is understandable. In February the formula embedded in the Broadcasting Act of 1990 forced it to hand £38 million over to its richer, older former patron, ITV. The next such payment, over £50 million, is due on St Valentine's Day.

The formula has backfired. It was incorporated into the Act as part of the change of status of Channel 4, which was being compelled to sell its own advertising instead of receiving an annual handout from ITV. The natural fear then was that Channel 4 would be unable to continue catering for minority tastes if it had to worry about attracting advertisers to its programmes.

But once the new arrangements were in force, the formula turned out to be two-directional. When Channel 4's sales turned out to be above, rather than below, the specified level, it was forced to pay over a share of its excess revenue to ITV. This process is likely to continue for the rest of the decade.

Mr Dorrell, prodded by the City, the Treasury and some Tory colleagues, may now ask why Channel 4 should not be privatised, if it is so good at earning its keep. A City report estimates that such a sale would net £1.5 billion for the public purse. And it might well provide the outgoing Tory ministers with a last flamboyant act of privatisation just before a general election — just to show that they could still do it.

Within ITV, some executives maintain that Mr Grade himself is embarked on a stealthy campaign to prepare his channel for privatisation. Why else, they ask, should he be pressing so hard for a swift review of a funding formula that is due for revision in 1997 anyway — unless he wants to rid the channel of the incubus of subsidising ITV?

However, Grade-watchers (a breed as keen, if not as numerous, as Birt-watchers) do not see his campaign as Machiavellian. Rather, they see a natural fighter, perhaps bored by long service on the smallest of the four terrestrial channels, putting all his energy into the only fight now going.

More likely, they consider, is that the shrewd chairman of Channel 4, Sir Michael Bishop, head of British Midland Airways, foresees privatisation as the inevitable end of the road to freedom from ITV and thinks the destination is best prepared for now.

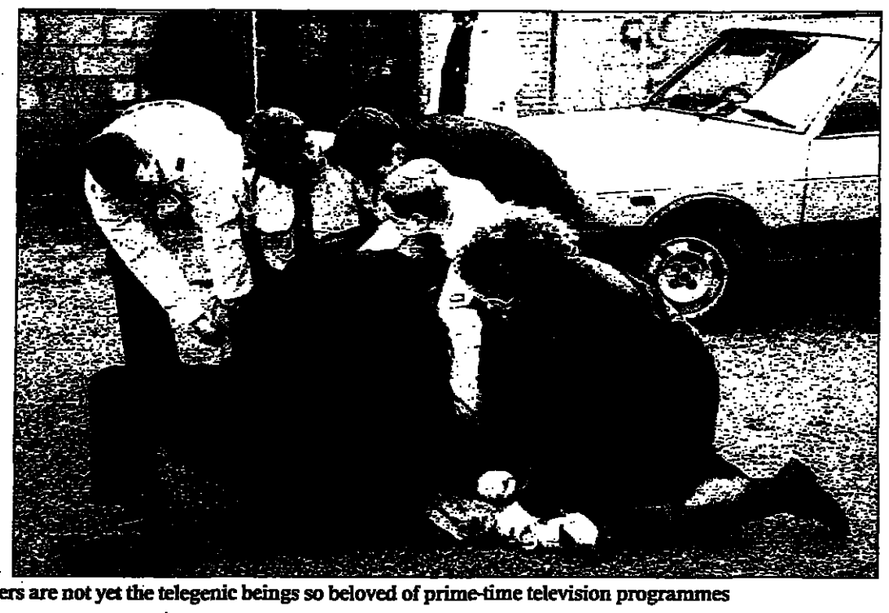
Let us hope the road does not lead that far. Channel 4's celebrated "remit" (a word acknowledged only as a verb in my Shorter Oxford English Dictionary) is incompatible with delivering profits to shareholders. It is incompatible also with putting on 40 minutes of rather leisurely news at 7 pm, not to mention investing in hundreds of films, very few of which are likely to draw queues around the block. Anyway, by commercial standards, Channel 4 is not making a profit; its achievement consists of selling enough advertising to stay in the black.

Mr Dorrell has a hard task before him. He will have publicly to reconcile justified grievances caused by a muddled bit of legislation: Channel 4's dismay at seeing hard-earned programme money drained away into private pockets — and the ITV companies' insistence that the funding formula is an integral part of the complex and harsh contracts they signed to get their franchises.

But he should listen to one complaint above all: the current loud moan about how the French get their cultural projects right (the Pompidou Centre, the Louvre renovation) and the British theirs wrong (the South Bank, the National Library). Channel 4 is a cultural monument that the French, with their heavy-handed film subsidies and terrible television, might well envy. It will be tinkered with at our peril.

The snarling performance of Gerry Adams on *Newsnight* last week was a classic demonstration of the futility of censorship. Thanks to the Government's broadcasting ban, Adams and the British public have been deprived for six years of the opportunity of letting him snare himself in his own ill-tempered, incoherent rhetoric. The broadcasting ban will now join the list of needless policy disasters headed by the executions in Dublin in 1916, which turned a small group of unpopular insurrectionists into saints and martyrs.





Left, an arrest on *The Bill*; right, a real-life arrest on *The Nick* — British police officers are not yet the telegenic beings so beloved of prime-time television programmes

Why are cop shows so arresting?

A new series this week tries to show the reality of policing. But, asks **Robin Hunt**, can it improve on the fictional dramas?

The problem with policemen on television is not that they are getting younger, but that they are ubiquitous. Perhaps it is not surprising: the cop show, like the western, offers the public the best opportunity to watch good prevail over evil — and in so many television formats.

For instance, October sees *The Bill* celebrate ten years on air, the return of *Between the Lines* on BBC1, the continuing repeats of *NYPD Blue* and the launch of *Bakersfield PD*, a quirky new police series set in the Mojave Desert region of California.

There is more: this week there has been Nick Berry's saccharine 1950s copper in *Heartbeat*, Trevor Eve's libidinous CID officer in *Murder in Mind*, the BBC1 Screen 1 production, paranormal investigators in *The X-Files*, more *Taggart* and two versions of *Crimewatch* with Nick Ross. Soon there will be further episodes of *Cracker*, *Prime Suspect* and *Wycliffe*. And few pints of Beamish stout would be bet against the occasional *Inspector Morse* re-run.

So much police fiction and recreation, in fact, that "Reality makes the best drama" — Channel 4's advertising slogan for *The Nick*, its three part fly-on-the-wall documentary, which launched this week — seems a little misguided.

Directed by Paul Berriss, *The Nick* is based on an 18-week record of police work at Gipton police station in Leeds. It has no commentary — part of the series' conceit of showing policing as it really is. Mr Berriss believes that narration puts a barrier between the viewer and the truth.

Unfortunately, a bigger barrier is that, unlike in America, where such "true life" shows are common, our police forces are not yet the telegenic, articulate beings of prime-time television, confident enough to behave in front of the camera as they would in normal life.

Certainly, the self-conscious, stilted conversations of policemen and women in *The Nick* are less realistic than those of the actors in *The Bill*, with its absence of background music and fluid, handheld, video-camera style. Eric Richard, who has played *The Bill*'s Sergeant Bob Cryer for a decade, says: "The programme is about the kind of police — and the kind of petty criminals — that most of the public will have met at some time. The public always says how true-to-life *The Bill* is compared with all other police programmes."

Richard Handford, *The Bill*'s producer, adds: "The series evolved around the uniformed policeman, who do the less dramatic things, rather than the glamorous CID. There is a lot of distillation — nobody ever does enough paperwork and the clear-up rate is the best in the country — but the drama is really about human fallability, about people under pressure, the kind of things we all have to face."

And here, says Mr Handford, art is helpful in improving realism. "Flaubert said that the essence of style is that it shouldn't be noticed," he says. "All of the American police programmes and some of the British have an overt style. We have *The Bill* 'point of view', which means that the camera is always located somewhere behind a policeman's shoulder; we see the world from their perspective."

This point of view is clearly a winner with audiences. *The Bill* is known in television research as a "Marks and Spencer lambswool sweater of a programme". Each of the three weekly episodes has an average of 12 million viewers. The highest audience has been 17 million, and the series has a broad-based social mix — although more women than men watch.

Many television critics, however, cite John Wilshire's *Between the Lines* as a more realistic programme about the police. It is shown after the watershed so that it can include stronger language, sex and violence. Its subject matter — the politics of policing — is also considered more adult.

Mr Handford says: "We still get people writing in to say *The Bill* could be harder-edged. But it is only a few left-wing organisations that have claimed that by leaving these things out we are reinforcing a cosy view of the police. We want to show a large mainstream audience that crime doesn't pay, so while we're not *Dixon of Dock Green*, we do show our police catching the criminal more often than would happen in real life. And we have a pretty small cast, so it's easier if the bent coppers come from the next-door police station, not ours."

The views of Brian Hart, formerly a Metropolitan Police chief inspector and latterly an adviser to *The Bill* and *Between the Lines*, is revealing about the prejudices of their critics. Mr Hart tries to ensure that police dramas reflect real life. He was a working policeman for 31 years, and has worked on *The Bill* for five and a half years. He resigned from *Between the Lines* after a few episodes.

He says: "The public has an affinity with the police, even when they might consider breaking the law themselves. I'm not so surprised that audiences for *Between the Lines* are much lower than for *The Bill* [7.4 million for the last series]. I left because so much of the plotting was implausible.

"With *The Bill*, I wring my hands sometimes when a young girl manages to escape from two burly policemen — just so we can have a chase — but what is portrayed is largely what happens in police stations, without all the paperwork."

Choosing the best campaign

THE SEARCH is on for the nation's best marketing and salespeople. Nominations are being sought for the British European Sales and Marketing Awards, with two awards — for best media and best marketing campaigns — sponsored by *The Times*.

The awards, now in their second year, come amid signs that recessionary cutbacks in marketing and sales departments are coming to an end and that companies are beginning to staff up in a new quest for growth.

There have been rapid developments in technology: neuro-linguistic computer programming, for example, allows sales people to analyse the personality of the people they are dealing with. These, coupled with structural changes in media and markets, mean that sales skills will once again be at a premium. The awards, organised on behalf of the Institute of Sales and Marketing Management (ISMM), are designed to promote and reward the excellence that companies now seek.

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Beanz meanz business

As supermarkets do battle on baked bean prices, retailers are entering a new phase in the own-label wars



If you shop this week at Scottish discount chain Shoprite in Cowcadens, Glasgow, you can buy a full-size can of baked beans for 5p. Kwik Save has gone 1p better in Scotland, selling its "No Frills" baked beans at 4p a can. "The cheapest beans means Kwik Save", boasted a *Scottish Daily Record* ad.

For discounters, offering the cheapest beans has become a matter of marketing machismo. Nick Goss, Kwik Save's marketing director, admits that the buying price for a tin of baked beans is "a bit above" 4p. He normally sells them at 15p a can. But, he adds, "it's a line that we cannot be seen to be undercut on".

That leaves Shoprite pondering its next move. "Baked beans are a key product line for a discounter wishing to reinforce its message that it is the cheapest in the land," comments Shoprite's Scottish managing director, Charles Good.

The trouble with machismo is that people get hurt. Last Friday multinational food giant Nestlé, owners of the Crosse & Blackwell brand, announced it was withdrawing from the market and closing factories. "We couldn't even fill cans with air at the prices now being charged for baked beans," declared Graham Millar, managing director of Nestlé's food division.

With its standard price of 29p a can, brand leader Heinz is now being undercut by 50 per cent or more by own label and "tertiary" brands, and the market leader is not used to operating on those margins.

This is more than just a storm in a tin can. Beans are an extreme case of a new twist in competition that has got most food marketers biting their nails. Beans are a convenient and cheap wonder-food, offering a good dose of protein and fibre. They also have a peculiar place in British hearts and plates, popular in all ages, classes and regions.

But they are the victim of mundane market forces. There is chronic UK manufacturing overcapacity, and aggressive new contenders such as Italian tomato canners are adding to the pain. Further, as a "known value item" whose price shoppers keep an eye on, beans are particularly prone to price wars, which is where the crucial new factor comes in: retailer competition. Retailers who had become accustomed to expanding their sales simply by adding more square feet of selling space are now using their own-label prices to lure new shoppers.

Beans are just one example. Traditionally, branded goods manufacturers would charge the maximum the market would bear, and retailers kept their own-label version a few pence below that. Now retailers are working up from cost price, according to how intense the local competition is.

As this process spreads, says Verdict's Mr Hyman, "manufacturer brands will be hit, and their prices will have to come down".

ALAN MITCHELL

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September 12 to 18, 1994

	Programme	Date	Time	Chan	Producer	Aud (Ms)
Broadcasters						
1	Coronation Street	Mon	19.29	ITV	Granada Television	16.3
2	You've Been Framed	Sun	20.30	ITV	Granada Television	15.5
3	Eastenders	Thu	19.31	BBC1	BBC	14.8
4	Heartbeat	Sun	19.29	ITV	Yorkshire Television	14.5
5	Casualty	Sat	20.00	BBC1	BBC	14.1
6	London's Burning	Sun	21.01	ITV	LWT	13.1
7	2Point4 Children	Mon	20.30	BBC1	BBC	12.2
8	Barrymore	Sat	19.14	ITV	LWT	10.3
9	Wheel Of Fortune	Mon	20.02	ITV	Scottish Television	10.1
10	999-Lifesavers	Thu	20.00	BBC1	BBC Features	10.1
Independents						
1	The Bill	Fri	20.01	ITV	Thames Television	13.1
2	Strike It Lucky	Tue	20.29	ITV	Thames Television	11.5
3	UEFA Champions	Wed	19.22	ITV	Sports Central	8.4
4	Take Your Pick	Wed	19.49	ITV	Thames Television	8.1
5	Ruth Rendell	Fri	21.02	ITV	Blue Heaven Productions	8.0
6	Birds Of A Feature	Sun	19.30	BBC1	Alomo Productions	8.7
7	Chefl	Thu	21.23	BBC1	Crucial Films	8.5
1	The European Match	Thu	28.32	ITV	Sports Central	8.1
1	Challenge Anneka	Sat	19.09	BBC1	Mentorn Films	7.7
1	Blues and Twos	Thu	21.30	ITV	Zenith North	7.5

THIS week's chart, which compares programmes made by broadcasters with those made by independent producers, shows the remarkable transformation of Thames Television since it lost its ITV licence and went off air at the end of 1992 *(Alexandra Frean writes)*. It now provides more than 220 hours of programmes a year to ITV. Its supply contracts with the satellite and cable channels mean that it produces more live programmes than when it was a broadcaster.

This week's *Letter from America* will be a milestone for Alistair Cooke

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With these words, a 25-year-old film critic called Alistair Cooke launched his career on BBC radio at 6.45pm on October 8, 1934. Sixty years later, Cooke is still going strong, utterly classless and utterly detached.

His weekly radio talk from New York, *Letter from America*, has been broadcast without a break since March 1946. Transmitted on Radio 4 at 9.15pm on Fridays, it is repeated every week at 9.15am on Sundays, and on the BBC World Service. His softly-spoken greeting, "Good eeevening," has become familiar to millions of listeners across the globe.

His performance on the programme is immutable and distinctive. Lindsay Wellington, who devised it, told Cooke to discuss "anything and everything" American. For nearly five decades he has done just that. Listeners relying on his programme for their knowledge of the United States will be disappointed. What they *will* get is a flavour of America.





Cooke: from young critic to sage commentator

Last weekend, in *Letter from America* No 2381, Cooke started his 15-minute talk with a traffic alert in New York and ended with former president Jimmy Carter's mission to Haiti. En route from New York City to Port-au-Prince, he discussed the role of the UN and managed to get in an anecdote about a botched attempt on the life of President Franklin Roosevelt in February 1933, three weeks before he was inaugurated, "when in a split second a woman nudged the elbow of a man with a pistol so that the bullet killed not Mr Roosevelt, but the Mayor of Chicago, who was standing next to him".

Geoff Spink, who produced *Letter from America* for three years, says that Cooke's strength lies precisely in his ability to write radio prose in such an apparently unstructured way. "The entire programme sounds as if it has been ad-libbed. One of the biggest compliments he ever got was when a listener wrote in and asked how he managed to speak so fluently without a script," Mr Spink says.

Harold Jackson, an associate editor of *The Guardian*, who knew Cooke when they were both in Washington for many years, believes that while he is extremely successful at "capturing the spirit of America" he is less good at making comparisons with Britain. "So many see him as a link between America and Britain, as someone who can interpret both countries, but there are things — such as Margaret Thatcher's departure from office — which he really did not seem to understand," Mr Jackson says.

Born in Salford in 1908, Cooke was educated at Blackpool Grammar School and Jesus College, Cambridge. He made his first trip to the States in 1932 to study at Harvard and Yale. He joined the BBC as a film critic in 1934 and a year later became London correspondent for NBC, before returning to America in 1937. He joined *The Times* in 1938 before working for *The Daily Herald* in 1943. Between 1945 and 1972 he worked for *The Guardian*. His television series, *America*, a personal history of his adopted homeland, was produced for the BBC in 1972 and won two Emmy awards.

Although he became an American citizen in 1941, to many Americans Cooke is as quintessentially English as the Queen and the late Benny Hill. He is well known in the United States as the host for 21 years of *Masterpiece Theatre*, a public service television programme on which he introduced (usually British) dramas such as *The Jewel in the Crown*. His retirement from the show in 1992 was greeted with a flurry of media accolades. *The New York Times* proclaimed the "gracious exit" of "an icon".

Cooke can expect similar adulation when he visits London next month. "If you consider broadcasting to consist of green plains and mountain ranges, then Alistair Cooke is the Everest," says David Hatch, adviser to the BBC director-general. "His command of the English language is unsurpassed; he talks to each listener as an individual and does not preach."

Less generous colleagues, who would not be named, say that Cooke's pieces are beginning to lose depth — that he is losing touch because he does not get out so much these days. Increasingly, they claim, he relies on whatever he happens to be watching on CNN, his main inspiration.

But it is just that ability to pluck out a familiar, topical subject and give it a new spin, his supporters would argue, that is his greatest talent.

ALEXANDRA FREAN

THE TIMES TODAY WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5 1994

NEWS

Blair calls time on Clause Four

■ Tony Blair delivered the ultimate proof of his determination to change the Labour Party by sounding the death knell for Clause Four, the bedrock of its Socialist past.

He used his first conference speech as Labour leader to give a daring and vivid signal of his readiness to go further than his recent predecessors in slaying the sacred cows that have stood in the way of Labour's quest for power. He outraged the Left by announcing his intention to rewrite the 76-year-old party constitution Page 1, 2, 8, 9, 16, 17

Legal triumph for Lloyd's names

■ More than 3,000 Lloyd's investors celebrated victory in the biggest case of its kind in English legal history, which is expected to secure damages of £504 million against negligent members of the biggest insurance market Page 1, 3, 16, 27

EU aid for Ulster

Brussels has agreed to pay for a multimillion-pound aid scheme for Northern Ireland to tear down the West Belfast peace line which has divided Catholics and Protestants for 25 years Page 1

MP's wife drowns

The wife of the Conservative MP Tony Marlow has died after getting into difficulties while swimming during a holiday on a Greek island Page 1

All ferries checked

All roll-on, roll-off ferries operating out of British ports are to have their bow doors checked to ensure they cannot be torn off in rough weather Page 2

Law Society rethink

The Law Society is expected to shelve controversial proposals on conveyancing which have been widely condemned as likely to increase the cost of buying a house Page 2

Cancer blunder

A woman who was told that she had terminal cancer bought a cemetery plot and organised her funeral before finding that doctors had been mistaken about her condition Page 3

New bomb evidence

New evidence allegedly showing that two of the Birmingham Six had traces of explosives on their hands is to be produced in a libel action, a court was told Page 5

Coed ... until puberty

A leading independent school has started to admit girls to its junior school, but will insist that they go elsewhere at 13 to preserve single-sex education during the years of puberty Page 6

Bogus doctor jailed

A hairdresser who posed as a doctor and stole from hospitals across Britain was sentenced to five years in prison Page 7

Scargill berates Blair

Arthur Scargill accused Tony Blair of declaring war on the party after the Labour leader's dramatic announcement that he intended to tear up the party's constitution Page 8

Escape delayed

The Haitian police chief, founding father of the military coup, was reported to have fled to the neighbouring Dominican Republic after being held up at the border Page 10

Brazil's choice

Brazilians elected Fernando Henrique Cardoso as president in Monday's general election, according to exit polls, in the hope that he can provide economic stability Pages 11, 17

Spy confesses

A former senior Nato official confessed to 12 years of spying against the West during which he drew his English wife into leaking secrets Page 12

Far Side draws to a close

■ Gary Larson, the quirky cartoonist who created the Far Side, is to retire. Larson's cartoons, such as a social gathering of wolves snacking on sheep dip, literally, feature in 1,900 publications around the world. But the last Far Side will appear on January 1 because Larson, 44, does not want to "ease into the graveyard of mediocre cartoons" Page 11

GARY HERSHORN



President Mandela at the White House, thanking President Clinton and the United States for help in overcoming apartheid.

Shipbuilding: The likelihood of an agreed takeover offer for VSEL, the warship builder, improved after British Aerospace confirmed talks about a possible bid Page 23

Banking: Slumping equity and bond markets have taken their toll on Hambros, the merchant bank and financial services group, which said that first-half profits could more than halve Page 23

Hanson: Peabody, the American mining division of Hanson, disclosed that it has agreed to pay £230 million to acquire the Carter Mining Company in the US from Exxon Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 18.3 points to close at 3001.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 80.2 to 80.0 Page 26

Football: Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, confirmed that Andy Cole is not fit enough to play for England because of a shin injury that limits his training Page 44

Racing: Vodafone, the mobile telecommunications company, is the new sponsor of the Derby, which will be run on a Saturday for the first time since 1953 Page 41

Cricket: Australia go into the second Test against Pakistan having come to terms with losing the first Test by one wicket Page 42

Asian Games: China's women weightlifters added six world records to the eight they set on Monday, and in the swimming pool China won all five gold medals Page 44

High-gloss glamour: Iain R. Webb reports from Milan where Italian designers have confirmed the look that is in for spring-summer 1995—clothes that cling and fabric that shimmers Page 15

Life with Nicol: Sarah Miles describes the bright and dark sides of Nicol Williamson and their turbulent relationship on and off stage, in part four of her memoirs Page 14

Whine and dine: Haiti's very rich have already lost the Norwegian salmon and Roquefort cheese from their favourite restaurants; now the country's elite fear the looters and rioters, too Page 14

Poetry all over: Tomorrow is National Poetry Day and the event will be celebrated at the checkouts of Marks and Spencer stores, in street performance, in schools, in public houses, and on radio and television programmes. But is the day being used to promote good poetry or doggerel? Page 35

Veterans parade: Shirley Bassey at the Festival Hall, Phil Collins at the National Exhibition Centre, Chris de Burgh at the Albert Hall: *Times* critics review the big pop concerts of the day Page 35

Relics of Henry's palace: Opening today in Kensington is an exhibition displays for the first time some of the restored treasures excavated from the site of Nonsuch Palace, Henry VIII's great mansion in Surrey Page 37

Shipwrecked in Cumberland: In Tim Firth's black comedy, *Neville's Island*, four management executives descend towards barbarism when an outdoors adventure course goes wrong. Benedict Nightingale reviews the West End's latest play Page 36

Four play: Channel 4 may have been too successful for its own good but profits aren't everything, Brenda Maddox says, and neither Government nor Michael Grade should be allowed to tinker with the station Page 21



Matthew Bond, television reviewer, on good and bad travel guides



Kenneth Baker reviews *A Bag of Boiled Sweets*, the life of Julian Critchley



Janet Daley, panellist on BBC2's *The Moral Maze* and *Times* columnist



Geoff Brown, film critic, on *Forrest Gump* and other new cinema releases



Bernard Levin on super-rats, poison and political correctness

The puzzle over the fate of the last tsar's youngest daughter is considered in The Mystery of Anastasia (Channel 4, 9pm) Page 43

Blair the old

Next week the Tory leadership will find that for the first time in 15 years they face an opponent whom their supporters are beginning to trust Page 17

Not an issue

There seems to be a misapprehension that when a critical mass of news coverage has been reached, any allegation involving the royal family becomes a constitutional issue Page 17

Cardoso's climax

Not even his most partisan supporters could argue that Senhor Cardoso would have won Brazil's presidential elections quite as convincingly had it not been for the timely success of the *real*, the country's newest currency Page 17

SIMON JENKINS

You want a Labour leader free of dogma? Mr Blair is free of dogma. You doubt if he can stand up to the *looneys and the unions? Look at the* end of block votes Page 16

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Once names were recruited, many to supposedly "low-risk" syndicates, their money was managed by men of shockingly varied competence Page 16

PETER RIDDELL

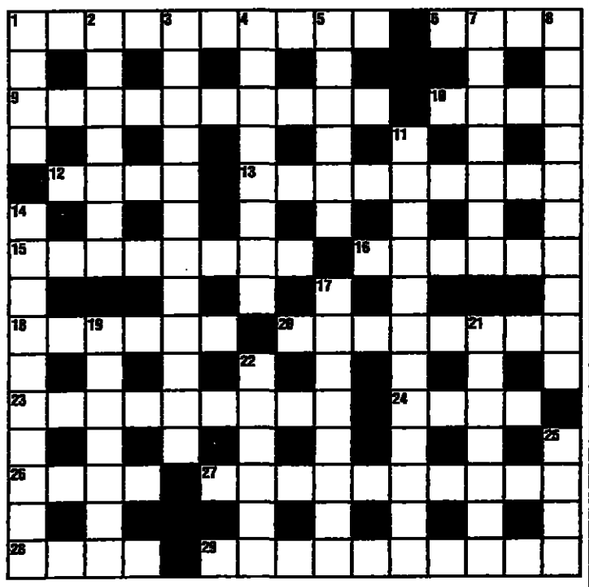
At last a Labour leader has confronted his party with what it has to do to regain the confidence of voters Page 9

Sir Maurice Fleanes, industrialist; **Rex Moorfoot**, BBC broadcaster Page 19

Children's needs and parental rights Page 17

The G7 countries are without doubt guilty of the sin of pride. That can be the only explanation for the snub they inflicted on developing countries by refusing to ratify plans to increase the amount of international monetary funds for which they are eligible *Le Monde*

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ACROSS

1 Drunk bishop in trade? That's strange! (10).
6 Old water-colour (4).
9 Published correspondence exposed Latvian king (4,6).
10 Greeting well spoken (4).
12 Found in Japanese middle-class house (4).
13 Where horses are seen to trot badly by worried owner (6,3).
15 Complete novel, relating..... (8).
16 .....to the French, going in different directions when liberated (6).
18 Elite soldiers take aim first—and last! (6).
20 Portrait in profile (8).
23 What every man is over forty, according to Shaw (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,664

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DOWN

1 One man or 2 (4).
2 Contributory factor to natural environment (7).
3 The English road builder's state before the Roman came to Rye (7,5).
4 Main craft centre in Rochester gets foreign money (8).
5 Smooth talking sometimes leads to incidents (6).
7 Fight to curtail misgiving about rising sin (7).
8 A new low scale set out for payments (10).
11 Evading buying drinks? (7,5).
14 Girl on form succeeded in sports (10).
17 Remove hospital worker from disorderly house (8).
19 Take a small amount of gas to fall asleep (4,3).
21 Clot causing chaos in kitchen (7).
22 Tax loophole revealed in trial (3-3).
24 Regretting almost complete loss of fortune (4).
26 Contrary toss-up with old coin (4).
27 Drastic cure for dead bird (4,6).
28 A point, frequently silly (4).
29 Waiting in the crowd (10).

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WEATHER OVERSEAS

Highest day temp: Guernsey 17C (63F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Lowestoft, Suffolk 0.66in; highest sunshine: Belfast 8.7hr.

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Northern Ireland will start off bright and sunny but there will be a fair amount of cloud later, especially in the north west. England and Wales will be dry with sunny periods. Northern England should be cloudy but dry.

London, Central, SE, S England, E Anglia, Midlands: dry and sunny. Wind northwest light to moderate becoming southwest later. Maximum temperature 13C (55F).

E England, Central N, NE England: dry with sunny spells. Wind west moderate, becoming moderate to fresh later. Maximum temperature 13C (55F).

Channel Isles: dry with sunny periods. Wind east to northeast light becoming south later. Maximum temperature 13C (55F).

SW, NW England, Wales: dry and sunny. Wind west light to moderate becoming southwest later. Maximum temperature 13C (55F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, N Ireland: dry and bright with sunny spells. Wind west to southwest moderate, becoming fresh to strong later in the day. Maximum temperature 12C (54F).

Moray Firth, N E, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: cloudy with scattered showers, heavy at times. Wind southwest moderate to fresh becoming strong or gale force. Maximum temperature 13C (55F).

Outlook: rain in the north, spreading to all areas on Friday.

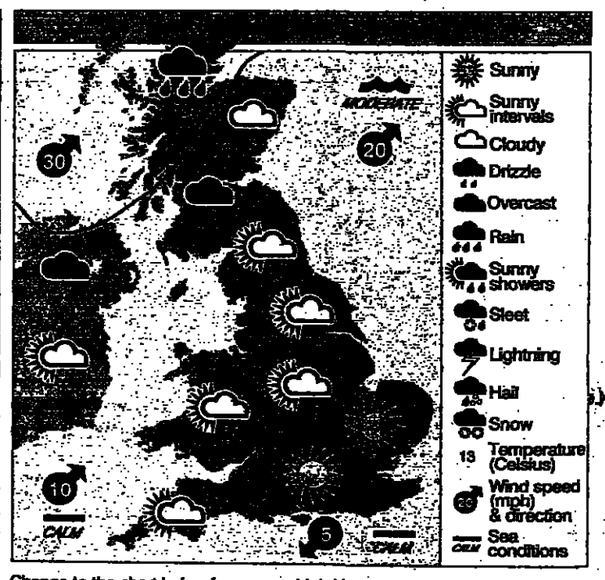
24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	Max		Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	Max	
Aberdeen	5.0	0.18	6	43	sn	Liverpool	2.2	0.17	8	46		r
Anglesey	8.8	0.01	10	50	s	London	0.7	0.19	13	55		r
Aspatria	2.9	0.19	7	45	h	Lowestoft	-	0.66	11	52		r
Aviemore	5.8	0.26	6	43	sn	Manchester	0.5	0.47	8	46		r
Belfast	8.7	0.05	9	48	s	Margate	-	0.17	13	55		d
Birmingham	-	0.15	9	48	r	Minehead	4.4	0.07	14	57		b
Bognor R	7.7	0.16	15	59	b	Morecambe	1.3	0.25	8	46		r
Bristol	3.0	0.05	15	59	sh	Newcastle	2.0	0.47	8	46		r
Buxton	0.1	0.54	7	45	sh	Newquay	6.2	0.01	14	57		b
Cardiff	8.1	0.12	14	57	s	Norwich	-	0.65	10	50		r
Clacton	0.5	0.16	13	55	sh	Nottingham	0.4	0.28	8	46		r
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	2.3	0.06	13	55		r
Colwyn Bay	1.0	0.21	9	48	r	Penzance	6.5	0.04	17	63		sh
Cromer	X					Plymouth	7.5	-	15	59		s
Doncaster	0.5	0.24	8	46	sh	Poole	7.9	0.01	16	61		s
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	0.34	9	48		sh
Eastbourne	5.0	0.14	14	57	s	Ross-o-wye	1.8	0.03	13	55		sh
Edinburgh	5.1	0.44	8	46	b	Ryde	X					
Eskdalemuir	5.9	0.08	6	43	sl	Salcombe	8.4	0.05	17	63		s
Exmouth	6.8	-	14	57	s	Sandown	8.1	0.08	16	61		s
Falmouth	X	-	15	59	b	Saunin Snd	7.5	0.04	16	61		s
Fishguard	6.5	0.06	10	50	sh	Scarboro'	X					
Folkestone	2.9	0.33	14	57	r	Scilly Isles	8.1	-	15	59		b
Glasgow	7.4	0.28	9	48	s	Shanklin	7.7	0.11	15	59		s
Guernsey	5.3	-	17	63	s	Shrewsbury	0.8	0.05	10	50		r
Hastings	5.0	0.17	14	57	s	Skegness	1.0	0.31	10	50		r
Hayling I.	X					Southend	3.0	0.17	16	61		sh
Herne Bay	-	0.20	13	55	r	Southport	1.9	0.13	8	46		r
Howe	X	X	15	59	c	Stornoway	6.7	0.03	7	45		h
Hunstanton	-	0.44	10	50	r	Swanage	8.1	0.06	15	59		s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	8.3		15	59		s
Isle of Man	7.5	0.02	10	50	s	Tenby	7.1	0.02	12	54		h
Jersey	4.4	0.09	16	61	sh	Tiree	8.6	0.01	8	46		h
Knlces	2.3	0.17	6	43	sn	Torquay	4.4	-	16	61		s
Leeds	-	0.17	7	45	r	Tynemouth	3.9	0.32	8	46		r
Lerwick	7.4	0.11	6	43	h	Ventnor	8.5	0.11	15	59		s
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Littlehmptn	6.2	0.19	15	59	b							

These are Monday's figures

Ajaccio	22	72	f	Cyhagn	9	48	f	Madrid	24	75	f	Riyadh	38	97	s
Alvotri	33	91	s	Corfu	28	79	f	Majorca	24	75	f	Rome	23	73	f
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Dublin	9	48	s	Malaga	23	73	s	Salzburg	6	43	c
Algiers	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Malta	27	81	s	S Frisco	19	66	s
Amst'dm	8	43	r	Faro	28	79	f	Mal'rme	14	57	f	Santiago	16	59	c
Athens	28	82	s	Florence	20	68	f	Medco C	22	72	f	Seoul	18	64	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Frankfurt	11	52	f	Miami	32	90	f	Sing'por	X		
Bangkok	32	90	f	Funchal	23	73	c	Milan	22	72	s	St'kholm	4	39	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	14	47	c	Montreal	12	54	c	Straslb'g	11	52	c
Barcelona	21	70	f	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Moscow	13	55	c	Sydney	25	77	s
Beirut	31	88	f	Helsinki	5	41	c	Munich	8	43	r	Tangier	22	72	f
Belgrade	17	63	f	Hong K	29	84	s	Nairobi	28	82	f	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Berlin	10	50	c	Innsbruck	11	52	c	Naples	25	77	f	Tenerife	24	75	f
Bermuda	29	84	f	Istanbul	28	82	s	N Delhi	32	90	s	Tokyo	21	70	c
Biarritz	15	59	c	Jeddah	36	97	s	N York	15	59	s	Toronto	12	54	s
Borde'x	17	63	f	Jo'burg	24	75	s	Nice	23	73	s	Tunis	25	77	f
Brussels	8	46	f	Karachi	35	95	s	Oslo	9	48	f	Valencia	25	77	f
Budapst	16	61	f	L Palmas	25	77	f	Paris	12	54	f	Vanc'ver	15	59	s
B Aires	21	70	s	Le Touqt	9	48	f	Peking	21	70	s	Venice	20	68	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Lisbon	23	73	f	Perth	17	63	f	Vienna	10	50	c
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Locarno	20	68	s	Prague	7	45	f	Warsaw	9	48	f
Chicago	17	63	s	L Angele	19	66	c	Reykjavik	7	45	f	Washton	16	61	f
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	9	48	f	Rhodes	28	82	s	Wel'gton	X		
Cologne	11	52	f	Luxor	38	100	s	Rio de J	34	93	s	Zurich	8	46	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Change to the chart below from noon: high H is expected to transfer east with little change. Low F will run northeast and deepen. Low E should slowly fill



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.20	7.2	1.34	7.2	Liverpool	10.55	9.7	11.10	10.0
Aberdeen	12.45	4.5	1.14	14.1	Lowestoft	8.56	2.8	9.36	2.6
Avonmouth	6.53	13.8	17.12	14.1	Margate	11.44	5.0	-	-
Belfast	10.36	3.4	10.52	3.7	Milford Haven	5.48	7.3	6.03	7.6
Cardiff	6.41	12.67	6.59	12.99	Newquay	4.42	7.3	5.01	7.5
Devonport	5.29	5.5	5.47	5.7	Oban	5.38	4.0	5.40	4.3
Dover	10.35	7.1	10.54	7.0	Penzance	4.29	5.5	4.43	5.6
Falmouth	4.59	5.3	7.17	5.5	Portland	6.34	2.2	6.52	2.3
Glasgow	12.13	4.9	12.53	4.7	Portsmouth	11.04	4.9	11.18	4.9
Harwich	11.25	4.2	11.53	4.3	Holyhead	9.56	5.8	10.12	6.1
Hull	5.47	7.68	6.18	7.70	Shoreham	10.55	6.8	11.14	6.6
Ilfracombe	5.36	9.81	5.54	9.91	Southampton	10.25	4.8	10.41	4.8
King's Lynn	5.51	7.1	6.24	7.0	Swansea	5.53	9.9	6.12	10.2
Leith	2.02	5.9	2.29	5.8	Tees	3.04	5.7	3.32	5.7
					W'ton-on-Nze	11.25	4.4	11.51	4.4

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Sun rises: 7.07 am
Sun sets: 6.30 pm
Moon sets: 6.28 pm
Moon rises: 7.37 am
New Moon Today

London 6.30 pm to 7.09 am
Bristol 6.40 pm to 7.19 am
Edinburgh 6.38 pm to 7.25 am
Manchester 6.37 pm to 7.19 am
Penzance 6.53 pm to 7.29 am

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Exchange to get tough on insiders

BY LIZ DOLAN

THE Stock Exchange is planning to clamp down on suspicious share dealings with a series of controls and suspensions from the moment unusual share price movements are picked up by its electronic monitoring system. The move coincides with an increase in the number of recorded instances of insider dealing — with few prosecutions — thought to have been detected by the new technology.

The exchange wants to use its new system, installed a year ago, to prevent suspicious share dealings before price-sensitive announcements. A consultative document proposing stricter rules on when announcements should be made by quoted companies was published yesterday. It is being circulated among brokers, market-makers, institutional investors, regulatory bodies and others linked to the stock market.

The Exchange said: "Under the present arrangements, there is often a delay between the first indication of the problem and effective action being taken. In some instances, a disorderly market can form and continue for too long . . . This also means that subsequent investigations to establish whether any illicit dealing activity has taken place during this period require analysis of a far greater number of transactions."

On may of these occasions, subsequent investigations have failed to provide conclusive evidence of any wrong doing, despite "considerable anecdotal evidence of leaks, the Exchange said. "There is a growing belief that the odds favour the insiders and market manipulators."

Questions continue to be asked about Lord Archer's dealings in the shares of Anglia Television, just days before an agreed £292 million takeover bid by MAI, the media services group, in January. His wife, Lady Archer, is a non-executive director of Anglia. Two deals carried out by Charles Stanley, a stockbroker, on Lord Archer's instructions, resulted in a profit of £80,000. The peer asked for the deals to be registered in the name of Broosk Saib, a Kurdish acquaintance.

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, has decided to take "no further action" on a report prepared by DTI inspectors. The Labour Party is pressing for the report to be published.

The Exchange is proposing to tighten the initial procedure when an unusual price movement is first detected. One option is to declare shares under suspicion to be "indicative" only. This would temporarily relieve market-makers in the stock of the obligation to stick to the quoted price. Alternatively, the Exchange is considering whether to issue a "market alert" that would draw attention to unusual price movements without removing the market-makers' obligation to maintain firm two-way prices.

Either system would allow a continuous market in the stock, while serving to warn all those still wishing to deal that something might be amiss with the share price. Only in the most serious of cases might the Exchange consider halting all trading in the stock, to enable the company time to issue an announcement. If the company failed to give a satisfactory explanation, the shares would be suspended until one was forthcoming. The Exchange is also seeking views, by November 9, on whether it should seek powers to reverse "insider transactions".

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VSEL talks confirmed by BAe

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE likelihood of an agreed offer for VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness warship builder, improved yesterday after British Aerospace confirmed talks on a possible bid.

Shares in VSEL rose 17p to £11.95p, valuing it at £450 million. However, with £325 million of cash on the shipbuilders' balance sheet at March 31, an all-share offer would serve as a valuable fund-raising exercise for BAe.

"The board of BAe confirms it is in discussion regarding a possible recommended offer for the whole of the issued share capital of VSEL," BAe said.

Though both companies use Hoare Govett, the broker, BAe has circumvented any conflict of interest by asking the broking arm of Kleinwort Benson, its merchant bank, to advise. VSEL is also advised by Morgan Grenfell.

VSEL is prime candidate for £3 billion of Royal Navy nuclear attack submarines orders and for contracts to build two new amphibious assault ships. BAe's size and programme management expertise would improve the chances of winning, and VSEL's chances of orders for smaller craft overseas.



NEWS TEAM

Wind of change: Anita Roddick, the chief executive of The Body Shop, takes the opportunity to reassert her green credentials, by opening a windfarm in Powys, Wales

Axe falls again as TSB closes a further 200 branches

BY ROBERT MILLER

TSB announced last night that it is to close a further 2.9 of its 1,200 branches. The latest cuts follow the closure last year of another 150 branches.

A spokesman for the bank, which almost trebled its interim pre-tax profits this year to £226 million, said there would be no redundancies among permanent clerical staff for the 1995 programme but that it was possible that positions might not be found for about 30 junior managers.

TSB shed more than 3,000 staff in the financial year that ended in October 1993 and expects to cut a similar number in the current financial year. The TSB announcement is certain to inflame the row between the bank and Bifu, the banking, finance and insurance union, which represents a large number of TSB staff. Last month, members voted by 3,073 to 2,980 to hold a series of selective strikes over pay.

Earlier this week, Bifu postponed announcing the actual strike dates to allow last-minute talks with TSB management at Acas, the conciliation service, which are due to take place today.

Banking and building society staff in the UK are no strangers to branch closures and redundancy programmes. In the past five years, Bifu estimates that more than 2,800 branches have been closed and more than 110,000 jobs have been lost. Many banks and societies, including TSB, have launched telephone banking arms, as a cheaper alternative to branch-based operations.

TSB is also trying to boost profits from its life and pensions business, which at the half-year stage fell by £3 million to £85 million. Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman, is on

BUSINESS TODAY

Hambros fears interim profits could be halved

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SLUMPING equity and bond markets have taken their toll of Hambros, the merchant bank and financial services group, that added to the gloom in the City with a warning that profits for its first half could more than halve.

Sir Chips Keswick, chairman of Hambros, revealed that the bank expects pre-tax profits to crash to between £18 million and £23 million in the six months to September 30 from £41.1 million in the same period last year. The bank said it expects to hold its interim dividend payment at 4.5p.

The statement from Hambros came hard on the heels of Monday's warning from rival SG Warburg. Warburg said its first-half profits for the same period would fall from £148.8 million to between £55 million and £65 million.

Hambros' news knocked 26p from its shares, which closed at 225p. Warburg shares made a partial recovery from a 15 per cent slump in value on Monday, rising 11p to 580p yesterday, but shares of Kleinwort Benson and Schroders were sent lower on expectations that their business will have also suffered. Kleinwort lost 7p, closing at 433p and Schroders finished 50p lower at 1285p.

The two banks have been hit by the same problems — the deterioration in global bond and equity markets together with poor trading volumes. Sir Chips said: "I hate hiding behind markets as an excuse."

But the bank did experience a downturn in many of its streams of business. Sir Chips added: "It is a downturn, there are no losses." He said the bank's corporate finance business did well, and added that he was proud that the bond business was still profitable. Hambros is due to unveil its half-year results on November 16.

Sir Chips said he decided to issue the warning in view of stock market estimates of the group's results which were for profits of around £40 million. He said lower interest rates meant lower net interest revenue, which contributed to lower income.

He added that although costs had risen during the period "they represent an important investment for our longer term growth and are carefully monitored." There are no plans to cut jobs, he said.

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Hanson pays £230m for Wyoming mines

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR



Lord Hanson has avoided bidding for a part of British Coal

PEABODY, the American mining division of Hanson and the largest coal producer in America, yesterday disclosed that it is to pay £230 million to acquire the Carter Mining Company in the US from Exxon, the oil giant. Completion of the deal is expected by the end of the year.

The two coal mines to be acquired will increase Peabody's production in America by 25 per cent, and are near existing Peabody sites. The net assets of the two mines are estimated at £108 million. The two are the Rawhide and Caballo mines, in the Powder River Basin in Wyoming.

An agreement to buy also includes related coal supply agreements, an estimated 1.2 billion short tons of coal reserves associated with the two mines, and other undeveloped Wyoming coal reserves. The low-sulphur coal from the mines will be sold to power generators. The move contrasts sharply with Hanson's attitude to the British coal industry. The group, headed by Lord Hanson, has made no attempt to buy any part of British Coal.

The two mines lost £700,000 in the first half of 1994. Hanson Industries, the American arm of Hanson, said yesterday that the losses were primarily due to problems with installation of new production technology at the Caballo mine. Peabody plans to re-equip Caballo with machinery similar to that at its two Powder River mines, which Hanson says are rated by the American government as among the four most productive mines in America.

A long strike at Peabody, which ended last December, is thought to have cost Hanson more than £200 million.

Irl F. Engelhardt, chairman of Peabody, said that Caballo and Rawhide fitted a "strategy of developing world-class mining operations". He said: "These mines enjoy excellent mining conditions and good work forces. We plan . . . to expand them to serve the growing market for Wyoming coal."

Camdessus defends IMF reserve policy

FROM ROSEMARY RIGHTER IN MADRID

MICHEL Camdessus, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund, continued his spirited defence yesterday of the policy that on Sunday brought him into direct confrontation with the Group of Seven industrialised countries. In his address at the formal opening of the IMF/World Bank meeting in Madrid yesterday, he insisted that "even if the role of the SDR [Special Drawing Rights, the artificial reserve currency issued by the IMF] is controversial, the globalisation of the world economy and financial system makes the question of a central reserve asset issued by an international monetary authority even more pressing". This claim, implying that the SDR should develop into a central part of the international monetary system, giving the IMF an increasing reserve role, is precisely what united the G7 against the Camdessus proposal to issue 36 billion new SDRs.

The problem was less with the sum, which despite German claims was too small to create serious inflationary risks, than with the precedence it was felt to create. M Camdessus, while determined to be seen to give no ground on the principles involved, appears to recognise that a tactical retreat is required: the study of the SDR's role that he announced yesterday could be stretched out for as long as it takes tempers to cool. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, declared his continued support for M Camdessus as head of the IMF, while adding: "I don't think we will have a general allocation of SDRs. The climate of opinion will approve once that is accepted." He stressed that the Anglo-American proposal for a $16 billion SDR issue remained on the table.

The bulk of M Camdessus's speech yesterday concentrated on the actions required to "make wise use" of the current economic recovery, and on the broad strategic role of the IMF. Industrialised countries must not relax the fight against inflation, he said. Those in which expansion was well established had been right to decide on "pre-emptive tightening of monetary conditions" in recent months. While fiscal positions in the West would improve as recovery picked up, he gave warning against any assumption that this lessened the need for structural reforms. "A lot can still be done to cut unproductive spending everywhere, not least through cutting subsidies." Most industrial countries have medium-term consolidation plans, but more was needed "to make decisive inroads into their structural deficit." They should start in next year.

The second task was to fight unemployment, which was peaking in Europe at levels not seen since the 1930s. On trade, he called for further liberalisation after the ratification of the Uruguay Round. In East Asia, Latin America and some other developing countries, he said that deep reforms had "become an engine of growth in their own right". Growth in about 40 of these countries had been strong enough in 1993 to more than off-set recession in Europe and Japan and a 9 per cent decline in output in the former Communist countries. Global growth in that year had been 2.3 per cent. The implication was that the industrialised world no longer determines the health of the global economy. An important task for the IMF in future was to provide the world with "a more reliable warning system of emerging economic risk".

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Repayment of debt hits VCI

VCI, the video and audio publishing group that came to the stock market in June, reported pre-tax profits of £64,000 in the six months to end-June (£4 million). In June, the firm raised £28 million in a placing and offer, of which £25.1 million was used to repay borrowings.

The profit reflects interest on borrowings now repaid. On a pro forma basis, pre-tax profits would have been up 153 per cent to £938,000 from £370,000. On a pro forma basis, earnings per share were 2p (0.6p).

Johnston in front

Johnston Group, the civil and mechanical engineer, reported taxable profits of £2.41 million in the first half of the year (£393,000 loss). Earnings per share were 12.91p (4.62p loss). The interim dividend is 3.5p (1p).

Share buyback

Midlands Electricity has bought 21 million, or 10 per cent, of its ordinary shares at 725p. It won shareholder approval in August for a share repurchase scheme aimed at enhancing earnings per share.

Regal purchase

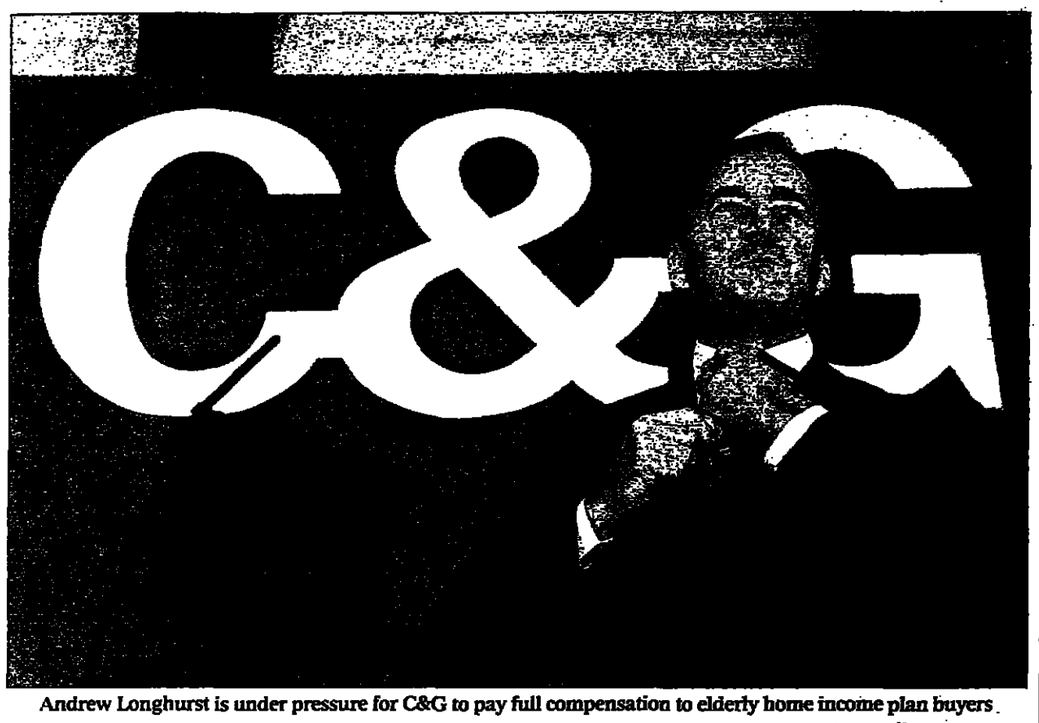
Regal Hotels, the provincial hotel operator, made its eighth acquisition this year with the £1.75 million purchase of the Parkside Inne in Pontefract, West Yorkshire. Regal now owns 11 hotels.

Brewer advances

Shepherd Neame, the Kent brewer, raised profits by 8.5 per cent to £5.1 million in the 53 weeks to July 2. Earnings per share were up 10.6 per cent at 60.2p. The dividend for the year is up 8.5 per cent to 19p.

BBEA ahead

British Building and Engineering Appliances raised pre-tax profits by 8.8 per cent to £2.5 million in the year to June 30. The final dividend of 5.5p makes 8p for the year.



Andrew Longhurst is under pressure for C&G to pay full compensation to elderly home income plan buyers

Call for C&G to pay in full

PADDY Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, yesterday called on the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, headed by Andrew Longhurst, to "uphold its honour and that of the industry" and pay full compensation to elderly investors who took out home income plans backed with mortgage money from C&G (Robert Miller writes).

The call came after the Investors Compensation Scheme confirmed it has returned £545,000, plus some £60,000 interest, which C&G lodged two years ago as a contribution towards compensation to investors who took out home income plans through Aylesbury Associates, a failed firm of financial advisers. The ICS action leaves the way open for it to take legal action against C&G to recover some of the £5.5 million it has paid to 242 investors.

Unipart workforce poised to grow by a third in six years

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

UNIPART, Britain's biggest independent car parts distributor, expects to increase its manufacturing workforce by almost a third over the next six years to maintain a steady rise in output from its plants.

A contract to develop an air-conditioning system for the Opel Corsa hatchback has raised hopes that Unipart's joint venture, Automotive Climate Systems, may win manufacturing agreements with several leading car makers.

The good prospects in air-conditioning, combined with rising demand for exhaust systems, has caused Unipart to plan an increase in its 700-strong manufacturing workforce to 900 by 2,000.

At the same time, Unipart, a management and employee buyout from Rover Group seven years ago, is continuing to expand its role as a contract distributor of spare parts.

Building on its long-term contracts with Rover, Land Rover and Jaguar in Britain, Unipart has secured a contract to provide an overnight parts service to Jaguar dealers in France. Although selling prices of most components and services are continuing to decline, reducing manufacturing costs has enabled Unipart to widen its profit margins.

In the half year to July 2, Unipart achieved a 17.7 per cent increase in profits before tax to £13.3 million. Sales rose 13.5 per cent to £401 million.

With a small amount of surplus cash in the bank, John Neill, chief executive, is on the lookout for acquisitions to reinforce his manufacturing operations. But he is not rushing to seek a flotation for the group, fearing that stock-market pressures could force him to abandon his long-term strategy for the group. Employees and managers own 42 per cent of Unipart. BMW acquired a 20 per cent stake when it bought Rover this year, but is in no hurry to realise its investment.

More than 90 per cent of employees have now undertaken courses at Unipart's in-house "university", where managers are obliged to share their skills with workers. The "university" has emerged as a valuable tool in helping Unipart to retrain workers displaced by cost cutting, especially in the distribution side of the business.

Mr Neill said the improvement in profits and sales was "in no small part" a result of an enormous investment in training. "The constant search for improvement is now a way of life in Unipart, and I am confident that we, and our customers, will continue to see the benefits of this in the years ahead," he said.

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Amex set for big cutback in US

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH, IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN Express confirmed yesterday that it was considering a major cost-cutting programme at its Travel Related Services unit, but insisted that no decision had been made on the number of workers to be made redundant. Reports in New York suggested that the company would eliminate 4,800 jobs and more than $500 million in operating costs over the next two years.

Mike Neil, a spokesman for the company, said the cuts would apply primarily to US employees, rather than those based in Amex's operation in Brighton. He said: "We have had under way for a year or so a fairly comprehensive review of our operations, primarily in the US. Both staff and costs are being considered."

He pointed out that many of American Express's European operations were being consolidated in Brighton under a plan unveiled last January.

Other officials were quoted yesterday as saying that the proposed US cutbacks were necessary to stay profitable in the increasingly competitive credit card industry.

According to the reports, other cost-cutting measures could raise the annual savings to as much as $1 billion. The plan would mean the closure of two of the unit's seven major charge and credit card processing centres and the elimination of its separate US and international operations for some of its product lines.

About 75 per cent of staff at the company's Travel Related Services are based in the United States, and 80 per cent of all corporate employees are American based.

The cost cutting programme in the travel services division, which has 60,000 of the company's 71,000 employees, could lead to a reduction in the company's corporate staff after it shed several businesses.

American Express executives believe there is no longer a need for a large staff, since it spun off or sold First Data, Boston Company, Shearson Lehman Brothers and Lehman Brothers Holdings.

Index points to new US rates rise

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE American index of leading economic indicators, the administration's main forecasting gauge for future activity, rose 0.6 per cent in August, its largest gain in five months.

The August index, published yesterday, is likely to reinforce expectations on Wall Street that the Federal Reserve Board, under the chairmanship of Alan Greenspan, will have to raise interest rates again to slow the still vigorous economy. The index, which has risen for all but two of the past 13 months, showed the biggest rise in August since March, despite the intervening monetary tightening by the Fed. The index rose to 102.1 in August, with higher factory orders for consumer goods leading the advance.

Some analysts believe the Fed could raise interest rates for the sixth time as early as this week, if Friday's employment report for September shows strong growth in jobs.

☐ Britain's gold and currency reserves rose by an underlying $16 million last month, according to Treasury figures, out yesterday. Falls in the underlying reserves are widely regarded as a guide to the level of Bank of England support for sterling. The September increase followed a $27 million fall in August. Total actual reserves at the end of September stood at $43.48 billion.

Industrial production data, due tomorrow, are expected to show a pick-up in output in August after a summer lull. City analysts are forecasting that industrial production advanced 0.4 per cent in August, raising the annual growth rate to 5.1 per cent from 4.8 per cent in July.



Greenspan: watching

Cannon Street slumps by £4m

BY ROBERT MILLER

CANNON Street Investments, the mini-conglomerate with interests from electrical distribution businesses to time-shares in Scotland, yesterday reported a slump of more than £4 million in its half-year profits as the management struggled to turn round a once thriving and acquisitive empire.

Pre-tax profits in the six months to July 16 fell to £217,000, against £4.8 million in the comparable period last year. As a result, Cannon Street posted a loss per share of 1.41p, against a profit of 3.01p previously.

After the disposal last month of Andrews Fasteners, Cannon Street said that further sales of businesses were likely as the group intended to concentrate its resources on the electronic distribution business, with Altai as its flagship. Profits from this division fell to £2.7 million from £3.3 million last time.

However, Tom Long, the chairman of Cannon Street, said: "There will be no fire-sales." He added that the group's future prosperity depended on resolving the issue of the cumulative preference shares and clearing the way for the future payment of ordinary dividends.

The company is currently linking this issue to an acquisition for its electronic distribution business. An announcement is expected shortly and a rights issue will be needed to fund the purchase, Mr Long said.

The food and drink division produced the best results, with a rise in profits to £553,000, against £323,000 last time. The hotels and leisure division produced a loss of £975,000, compared with a loss of £86,000 previously.

Mr Long said: "The financial position of the group has remained stable and as we move forward I anticipate that the level of borrowings will move downwards towards the year-end, reflecting the same seasonal pattern as last year."

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.08
Austria Sch	18.24	16.74
Belgium Fr	53.56	49.16
Canada $	2.232	2.072
Cyprus CypS	0.779	0.729
Denmark Kr	10.21	9.41
Finland Mrk	8.24	7.54
France Fr	8.86	8.16
Germany Dm	2.60	2.39
Greece Dr	389.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	12.86	11.86
Ireland Pr	1.06	0.96
Italy Lira	2665.00	2400.00
Japan Yen	172.00	155.00
Malta	0.619	0.564
Netherlds Gld	2.894	2.654
Norway Kr	11.29	10.49
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

House sales progress helps Raine to rise

FEARS of interest rate rises and warnings about squeezed margins on the contracting side offset news of a 13 per cent increase in UK house sales by Raine, the housebuilder and contractor, in the year to June 30. A strong performance by Hassall Homes was the main reason for a 21.6 per cent rise in profits, to £13.14 million.

Hassall sold 1,985 homes during the year, up from 1,847. The average price rose from £68,020 to £70,220. However, after further improvements in July and August, last month's interest rate rise robbed the company of the full benefits of the traditional seasonal upturn in September. Raine's US housebuilding subsidiary continued to suffer the effects of a sluggish Californian economy. Hall & Tawse, the contractor, built 1,329 housing authority homes last year, up from 1,076, but reports shrinking margins as cost pressures intensify.

Raine's earnings per share grew by 7.4 per cent, to 4.66p. The final dividend doubles from 1p to 2p, but the total for the year is flat, at 3p. The figures were at the lower end of City expectations. Interim forecasts have been marked down, knocking 7.5p off the shares, at 57.5p. Tempus, page 26

Celltech in £31m deal

CELLTECH Group, the biotechnology company, has signed a collaboration agreement worth up to £31.5 million with Merck & Co, the world's largest pharmaceutical group, to develop a drug for asthma sufferers. Merck has paid £3 million to Celltech, which will continue clinical development of the lead compound in the drug. Celltech, which will receive double-digit royalties on worldwide sales, said that both companies believe "there will be significant opportunities for orally active drugs which block the underlying disease process and are well tolerated by patients".

Computer People buys

COMPUTER People, the computer staff recruitment group, is buying VNG in a cash-and-shares deal valuing the information technology specialist at £7 million. The acquisition will be largely financed by the placing and open offer of 3.07 million shares at 182p to raise £5 million net if expenses. Of this, £1.8 million will fund the maximum cash payment and £3.2 million will refinance VNG's existing debt. VNG's operations include contracting, training and consultancy in the United Kingdom, plus a European contracting network based in Switzerland.

Tomkins share switch

TOMKINS, the baking to engineering conglomerate, is to force its remaining preference shareholders to convert into ordinary shares. The move follows a flood of voluntary conversions this year. Holders of 65.5 million preference shares, representing 80 per cent of the preference share capital, have already opted to swap into ordinary shares. The company said shareholders decided to switch after it forecast a 15 per cent rise in the ordinary dividend. Tomkins has yet to set a compulsory conversion date, but it is expected to be no later than mid-November.

Asda Property spends

SOFTER property investment markets since June persuaded Asda Property Holdings to spend £17 million, including the £8.5 million purchase of 28 high street shops. The rent roll is £575,000 but the company expects to make a surplus after the letting of 12 vacant units and some sales. Asda's switch from residential to retail property helped to boost interim profits by 80 per cent to £4.4 million. Half of the portfolio comprises property acquired within the past three years. Earnings per share rose 36 per cent to 3.4p, and the dividend is up from 0.7p to 0.75p, to be paid on November 17.

Halfway rise at Watts

WATTS Blake Bearne, the clay producer, increased pre-tax profits £1 million in the first six months of the year to £5.1 million. Earnings per share were up from 12.2p to 16p and the dividend will rise from 3.5p to 3.9p, due to be paid on November 23. Turnover rose to £41.8 million (£39.3 million). Devon Clays, its largest division, enjoyed sales growth in the UK and export markets outside Europe. The company said it would apply its technical skills and resources to exploit developing markets and to increase its involvement in the supply of quality materials to those markets.

Compass reassurance

COMPASS, the contract caterer, yesterday sought to reassure investors with an upbeat statement on trading at Canteen, the US caterer it bought for £300 million in April. Compass said trading was ahead of expectations and the business was likely to make a significant contribution to group profits in the current year. All contracts had been retained in spite of the change of ownership. Compass also said further progress had been made in its UK catering businesses. Trading was ahead of expectations across the board apart from Travellers Fare, its station catering arm, which was hit by the rail strikes.

Lamont moves ahead

LAMONT, the carpets and fabrics firm, unveiled a first-half pre-tax profits rise from £4.05 million to £5.62 million. Earnings per share were up from 10.62p to 12.6p and the interim dividend rises to 3.65p from 3.5p. Turnover for the six months to June 30 was £71 million (£65.8 million). Sir Desmond Lorimer, chairman, said Lamont will take "drastic and expensive" action to return its Shaw Carpets arm to profitability next year. It has started talks with the workforce and unions. Lamont said that Shaw and Northern Ireland Carpets had experienced flatness in the market place.

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No more lunchtime footsie?

☐ OF 75 investigations into suspected insider dealing launched this year by the Stock Exchange, only one trial has resulted. In the 14 years that insider trading has been illegal, a mere 23 culprits have been found guilty.

In the good old days, or bad old days, depending on which side of the moral fence you sat, insider trading was rife, witness the regular rise or fall in shares before an announcement. Undeniably, the situation has improved but it is still possible for the trained eye to predict that something is about to be announced merely by looking at share prices on the move.

Paragraphs four and five of the Stock Exchange's Consultative Document neatly sum up the problem. "There have been a number of instances recently in which substantial price movements have occurred in listed UK equities prior to the release of price sensitive information.

"On many of these occasions subsequent investigations have failed to provide conclusive evidence of any wrongdoing, despite considerable anecdotal evidence that 'leaks' had occurred. There is a growing belief that the odds favour the insiders and market manipulators and that there is more frequent disorder in the market and therefore the danger of the market falling into long-term disrepute. The Exchange is committed to investor protection and the need to ensure fair dealing on its markets for all." Hear, hear.

More than a year ago (May 20, 1993) *The Times* drew attention to the muddle that had arisen both for industry and the stock market after the censure of London International Group for briefing a select group of analysts and institutions about an unexpected trading problem.

That ruling left industry feeling it could no longer have a dialogue with the City, a necessary factor in creating the confidence that should exist between those who need to raise money and those who provide it.

What *The Times* established then is the continuing use of the traditional brokers' lunch, a well-oiled dialogue between the select few, and the further elaboration of some slow and deliberate hand signals to those who know how to read them. But avoiding them provides more price-sensitive shocks.

So what does Michael Lawrence, the Stock Exchange's chief executive, hope to achieve with yesterday's consultative paper? Stock Exchange insiders caution against reading the document as a blitz on insider dealers. No point, they rarely have to face the music. Rather, it is to be seen as an attempt, using much improved technology, to establish greater order in markets by alerting dealers to the existence of unusual trading patterns and to halt share trading for up to 24 hours pending announcements.

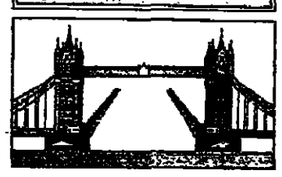
Unwinding dubious deals is not suggested by the exchange but comment is being sought on the possibility from market practitioners. It will be interesting to see what they say.

Components of success

☐ JAPANESE money, talent and ideas has saved the British motor industry from extinction. Rover, Land Rover, Ford, General Motors and the Japanese incomers are struggling against intense competition to create a rare British success story.

The industry's recovery still needs one more element: for

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component suppliers get their plants in order. And that is true for a much wider swathe of manufacturing because the motor industry is often the conduit for best practice. But clearing clogged pipes isn't easy.

A car industry that couldn't see beyond the price tag crippled Britain's components makers. Short term contracts spawned reject-quality products, clapped-out plants and managers who measured survival in months. Many have already paid the price. Japanese or continental predators have picked off weaker British rivals, or their markets. But at last, the best of the rest are starting to win through. GKN and T&N are building on their global market strength, respectively in drive shafts and piston rings, to expand overseas. Lucas yesterday reported a second contract with Peugeot Citroën to supply its new diesel injection system.

John Neill, boss of Unipart, the one-time Rover components business, says Britain is now the best automotive components location in Europe, thanks to its expanding vehicle output and low labour costs. But these are mere prerequisites. Unipart's success is founded on cultural change. Long term supply contracts have come in that reduce risk and lengthen investment horizons. Unipart can support the short term costs of modernisation. The purchaser reaps the reward through lower prices.

Employees, too, have been brought into the creative process, via additional responsibility and workplace education, and Unipart is starting to benefit. The DTI's Learning from Japan initiative has drawn a dozen smaller component suppliers into this process. Modernisation can win suppliers a place on assemblers' new model programmes. But like those programmes, the fruits of success take years to mature. Those who fail to seize the opportunities will disappear, and deserve to do so.

Unequal treatment

☐ THE North-South battle signalled at the IMF in Madrid will not go away as quickly as Kenneth Clarke and other leaders of the Group of Seven would like. They no doubt rely on their voting power. With the four other smaller members of the incongruously named Group of 10, the rich, developed countries have the majority to maintain hegemony over the rest of the world. That is why they assumed in Madrid, as usual, that what the Group of Seven decides in private is what the IMF does.

Logic is not, however, on their side. And logic has a way of coming through, in spite of attempts to personalise the issue. One day before the confrontation over a general issue of special drawing rights to boost liquidity, Mr Clarke was bemoaning the shortage of savings that has hoisted bond yields so inconveniently high. America's Lloyd Bensten was patting Russia on the back with promises of IMF munificence to back reform, which is being held back by the lack of savings you would expect when inflation is rampant.

Why should it be different for many other countries trying to make the transition from economically primitive poverty, which suffer equally from capital shortage and for whom eurobond yields are something of an irrelevance? The difference is that Boris Yeltsin is almost one of others, while those chaps are not to be trusted. There are real objections to a general SFR issue. It is indiscriminate and funnels funds to governments. But if the G7 does not want an SDR distribution, it had better come up with something better.

Rebuilding trust

☐ THE Investors Compensation Scheme is right not to let Cheltenham & Gloucester arrogantly forget its moral responsibility over home income plans. Societies involved in the sale of unsuitable plans should pay compensation in full now and remove the threat of taking their houses back after the investors have died. It would also be refreshing if they stood up and admitted they had made a mistake.

Ibstock returns to profit in the first half

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE gathering recovery in Britain's building products industry was confirmed yesterday when Ibstock, the country's third biggest brickmaker, announced a return to profits in the first half of the year.

Ian Maclellan, managing director, said that brickmakers were now jockeying for position in expectation of an industry restructuring, and Ibstock was prepared to play its part.

Brick stocks across the country, which at peak reached almost eight months's supply, have now shrunk to six to eight weeks, and prices are hardening steadily.

However, Mr Maclellan added that takeover opportunities would have to compete with returns available from investment in additional capacity at existing plants.

Ibstock has drawn up plans to extend its plants in the East Midlands and the North.

The factory in Horsham, West Sussex, has been expanded at a cost of £12 million to produce more up-market housing bricks, and Ibstock is now increasing capacity of the intermittent kiln in its West Midlands plant. If all of these projects are completed, Ibstock will raise capacity by about 17.6 per cent to 400 million bricks a year — a sure sign of confidence that the price slump that devastated Britain's brickmakers at the end of the 1980s is finally over.

During the half-year to June 30, the Leicestershire-based group achieved pre-tax profits of £4.3 million, compared with a loss of £17.1 million during the same months of 1993.

The improvement at Ibstock is flattered by a remarkable recovery in the fortunes of the group's Portuguese paper pulp operation, which is no longer regarded as a core business. Rising pulp prices and the closure of one of two mills have put it back into profit and enabled Ibstock to reduce its holding to 56 per cent.

But the brightest upturn came in the United Kingdom, where Ibstock has 10 per cent of the brick market, behind Hanson (33 per cent) and Redland (20 per cent).

Prices across the Ibstock brick range have hardened about five per cent, lifting operating profits from £1.1 million a year ago to £3.9 million on sales of £33.5 million. A further price rise of up to 10 per cent next year is expected. In the north-east United States, prices are up three per cent, enabling Ibstock to make £800,000 on sales of £33.7 million.

Net debts of £29.4 million give Ibstock gearing of just 15 per cent — a comfortable springboard for expansion. The half-year dividend is maintained at 0.5p, payable on December 1.

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Maclellan: extending

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Richard Holland with instruments made by Boosey & Hawkes, which is suing Walt Disney for $200 million

Bayliss moves to GGT

GOLD Greenlees Trott (GGT), the advertising agency known for its quirky Holsten Pils commercials, has appointed Mark Bayliss as group finance director as part of a boardroom reshuffle (Jon Ashworth writes).

He replaces Matthew Allen, who becomes a non-executive director and remains president of GGT US Holdings, a position he has held since 1988. Mr Bayliss is currently group financial controller of planning and analysis at News International, which owns *The Times*.

Michael Greenlees, GGT chairman and chief executive, welcomed the appointment. He said: "Mark's arrival, together with the recent appointment of Jan Hall as chief executive of GGT Europe, and Matthew Allen's greater focus on our US businesses will significantly strengthen the group's management."

Fidelity withdraws derivatives funds

BY ROBERT MILLER

FIDELITY, one of the United Kingdom's largest unit trust groups, has withdrawn its futures and options funds from the market.

The surprise move comes less than two years after Fidelity launched the derivatives funds, which were aimed at both institutional and private investors.

The eight institutional Bull and Bear derivatives funds had, until four weeks ago, about £14 million of funds under management. However, Clerical Medical, the insurance company, withdrew about £10 million to start its own in-house operation.

Fidelity, which has more than £3 billion of funds under management in its unit trusts, said: "With only £4 million or £5 million left in the funds, it was very difficult to enter into contracts, so we closed the funds down." Fidelity has also written to 1,400 private investors in its four "controlled-risk" options unit trusts, which had about £35 million of funds under management, to seek their permission to close the funds and merge the money into other Fidelity trusts. The controlled-risk funds covered the UK, Japanese, US and European markets.

A spokeswoman for Fidelity said last night: "We were trying to appeal to investors who had just come out of building society accounts and were not quite ready for the equity market. But we found that while they understood cash and shares, they did not understand futures and options funds, let alone derivatives. There is a fear that all derivatives are about high risk."

VW profit edges ahead

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest carmaker, produced a third-quarter profit slightly higher than the DM133 million earned in the second quarter and, in favourable circumstances, will show a full-year profit too, Ferdinand Piëch, the management board chairman, said.

In remarks at the Paris motor show yesterday, he reinforced the picture painted by senior executives that VW is set to return to the black this year after last year's record DM1.9 billion loss. Herr Piëch said the group would break even, if the final quarter was less than favourable.

José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, VW's procurement and production chief, said the group expects productivity to grow by at least 20 per cent this year. VW said it had received advance orders in Germany for 25,000 of its new Polo model which is to be launched on Friday.

Boosey & Hawkes off to court

BOOSEY & HAWKES, the music publisher, is tuning up for the next stage in a legal wrangle with Walt Disney that could bring the British company a $200 million windfall (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The two sides are preparing to fight in the American courts after 18 months of legal bickering. Boosey & Hawkes is suing Disney for $200 million for alleged unauthorised use of Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* in its video release of *Fantasia*. Although Disney had consent to use it in the original film, Boosey & Hawkes argues that this did not cover alternative media.

Richard Holland, Boosey & Hawkes's chief executive, said that all legal costs are being written off as incurred.

The company lifted pre-tax profits 6 per cent rise, from £1.4 million to £1.5 million, in the half year to June 30. Earnings per share grew 12 per cent, to 4.16p, from 3.7p. A 1.32p interim dividend, up from 1.2p, is due on November 11.

The instrument division, which makes brass, woodwind and string instruments, performed strongly on the back of recovery in the US and some major European markets. Mr Holland said that the worst was over in the important Japanese market, which has been hit by recession and held back profit growth in recent years.

Royalty income from the publishing division, which has a lucrative back catalogue of copyright music from Prokofiev to Britten, was flat after changes in payment timing.

Silentnight suffers in price wars

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

PRICE wars and a sluggish bed market took their toll of Silentnight, Britain's biggest bed manufacturer, with profits falling by a fifth in the first half.

Bill Davies, chairman, said that there was still no sign of recovery in the UK bed market, and price competition remained intense. He said that the difficult trading environment had forced the company to increase advertising and marketing costs in a bid to drive sales.

Pre-tax profits tumbled to £4.1 million from £5.2 million in the six months to July 30. The bottom line was depressed by a £592,000 exceptional charge to cover the first phase of the closure, announced in April, of its factory in Sutton, North Yorkshire. Further costs will be incurred in the second half, bringing the total to about £750,000. Mr Davies said the reorganisation should eventually yield annual savings of a similar amount.

The results mark another disappointment in a difficult year for the group. It has had to issue two profits warnings in the past four months as difficult market conditions squeezed margins.

Although sales and profits fell in the British bed division, there were bright spots elsewhere. The British cabinet business boosted profits by almost a fifth, reflecting gains in market share and investment in manufacturing and design. The US subsidiary returned to the black, although profits slipped in Germany.

Mr Davies said the group was looking for acquisitions in America and Europe, to boost its performance. The group has more than a third of the British bed market, and growth opportunities at home are limited. Shareholders will receive an unchanged interim dividend of 2.75p on January 3.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Half-hearted shares still climb back above 3,000

A TECHNICAL rally enabled investors to regain some of their composure while share prices were able to claw back some of Monday's sharp losses.

The FT-SE 100 index climbed back, yet again, above 3,000 to close just below its best of the day with a rise of 18.3 at 3,001.8. But it was a half-hearted affair lacking substance and turnover. By the close of business, a modest 530 million shares had been traded. Much of the rally was futures-inspired with the December series closing at a nine-point premium to the cash market, while a bout of short covering also helped to squeeze prices higher.

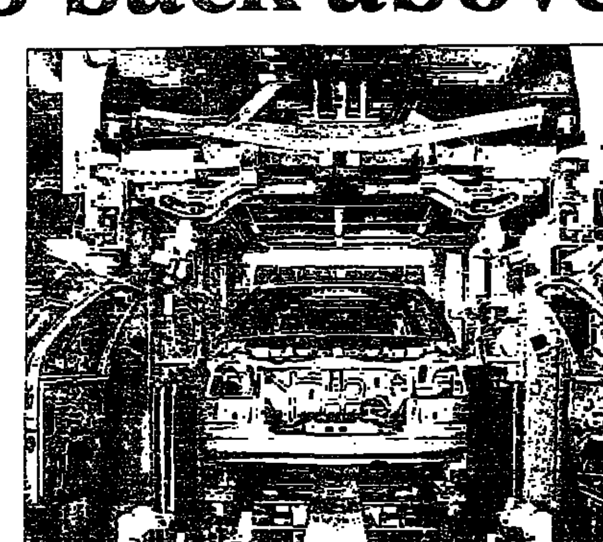
But brokers remain cautious and fear that further volatility in equities and bonds is on the cards. Investors are worried about the outlook for interest rates and starting to show scepticism about the pace of economic recovery.

Some brokers have already begun downgrading their year-end forecasts for the index, with Kleinwort Benson said to have reduced its numbers from 3,400 to 3,300.

Hambros, the merchant bank, has followed hard on the heels of rival SG Warburg and issued a profits warning. Its shares tumbled 26p to 225p after forecasting a drop in first-half pre-tax profits from £41.1 million to between £18 million and £23 million. Once again, the low level of stock market turnover was blamed for the setback which has particularly affected its bond operations. In addition, Hambros has been hit by rising costs, and income has suffered because of the fall in net interest revenue.

The fall in its share price might have been greater but the group said all divisions were still trading profitably and and it had decided to maintain the dividend at 4.5p.

On Monday, rival **SG Warburg** shocked the market by forecasting that profits were set to fall in the first half from £148 million to between £55 million and £68 million. The subsequent downgrading of profits for the full year by rival brokers sent the Warburg share price tumbling 101p. Yesterday it rallied 11p to 580p. But falls were still being recorded among some of the other securities houses with **Kleinwort Benson** dipping 7p to 433p, **Schroders** 50p to £12.85, with the non-voting 42p at £12.33. **National Westminster Bank** 2p to 477p and **BWD Securities** 4p to 80p, while **Brewin Dolphin** was unchanged on 130p.



Ford production cuts hit shares of component suppliers

VSEL, the Trident submarine builder, firmed 17p to £11.95 after British Aerospace confirmed its identity as the mystery suitor for the company. At these levels, VSEL is valued at around £450 million with cash in the bank equivalent to 850p a share. The speculators expect BAe to offer around £12.50. **BAe** finished 3p lower at 439p after going ex-dividend.

Shares of Britain main automotive component suppliers suffered early markdowns on the news that Ford was planning production cuts at its Dagenham and Halewood plants. **T&N** dropped 14p to 208p and **Lucas Industries** 9p to 183p with falls also registered in **GKN**, 12p to 601p, and **Avon Rubber**, 11p to 570p. **BBA Group** was 5p easier at 178p after going ex-dividend.

But last night brokers were rushing to defence of the suppliers, claiming that the falls had been overdone and that the impact on earnings was likely to be only minimal.

BURMAH Castrol stood out with a rise of 9p at 850p as 207,000 shares changed hands in a thin market where dealers normally make a price in only 25,000 at a time. Later this month, the company is taking a number of institutional investors on a trip to its operations in the Far East. Some positive news is expected.

Shell advanced 7p to 704p, supported by a buy recommendation from Hoare Govett, the broker, with **Vendome**, the luxury goods group, responding to a recommendation from UBS with a rise of 11p at 505p. **BAA Group** hardened 4p to 473p in the wake of a visit on Monday by brokers. Smith New Court and Strauss Turnbull were said to buyers of the stock yesterday. However, talk of a stock overhang left **Sidlaw** nursing a fall of 12p at 229p as 680,000 shares were traded.

Threats by the Labour Party to curb profits and put an end to spiralling bills left the water companies licking their wounds. There were losses for **Northumbrian Water**, 16p to 631p, **Southern**, 13p to 538p, **North West**, 5p to 523p, and **Severn Trent**, 4p to 521p.

Mirror Group rose 4p to 133p in ex-dividend form. The group has been this week increasing its holding in **Scottish Television**, down 13p at 480p, and now holds almost 20 per cent of the company. The group has appointed former editor of *The Sun* Kelvin Mackenzie as a main board director. He will head the group's growing television interests.

Ibstock Johnsen, the brickmaker, was steady at 78p after making its expected return to the black during the first six months with pre-tax profits of £4.3 million, compared with last year's deficit of £17.1 million.

Hanson firmed 3p at 232p after splashing out £230 million on two Wyoming coal mines and related supply agreements and reserves from Exxon. The two mines boast reserves of 1.2 billion tons of coal and are based in the Powder River Basin. Last year they made losses of £700,000.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Bonds recovered from another dull start with investors testing the latest resistance levels after the falls of the past few days. But there was little in the way of follow-through and prices spent much of the afternoon marking time.

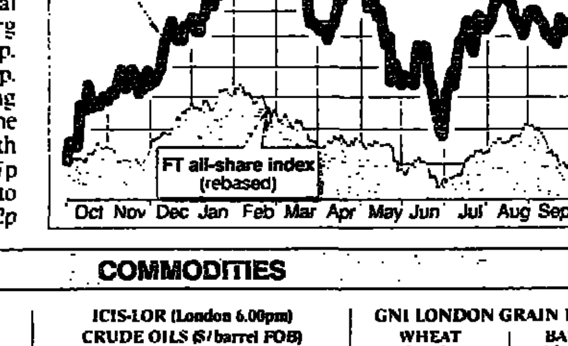
Dealers say investors will be reluctant to open fresh position until they have had time to study the US payroll and employment numbers due out on Friday.

The December series of the long gilt ran into nervous selling with the price slipping £⅜ to £99⁹⁄₃₂ in modest trading that saw only 55,000 contracts completed.

In the cash market, prices at the longer end outperformed short-dated issues. Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose £⁵⁄₃₂ to £102⁷⁄₃₂, while Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 fell one tick to £102¹³⁄₃₂.

□ **NEW YORK**: US shares declined after an early rally. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.01 at 3,845.88.

LUCAS INDUSTRIES: SHARES TAKE A KNOCK ON NEWS OF FORD CUTS



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3845.88 (-1.01)
S&P Composite 460.35 (-1.39)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 19568.61 (-81.42)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9504.12 (-11.62)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 398.49 (-0.29)

Sydney:
AO 1998.0 (-32.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1994.95 (-16.80)

Singapore:
Straits 2370.56 (+22.04)

Brussels:
General 7118.82 (-1.39)

Paris:
CAC-40 1876.12 (+23.29)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 647.30 (-4.30)

London:
FT 30 2325.8 (+5.5)
FT 100 3001.8 (+18.3)
FT-SE Mid 250 3455.3 (+5.7)
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FT A All-Share 1497.44 (+6.61)
FT Non Financials 1621.20 (+6.73)
FT Gold Mines 290.8 (+0.8)
FT Fixed Interest 106.93 (-0.24)
FT Govt Secs 90.22 (+0.18)
Bargains 22679
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US$ 1.5782 (+0.0002)
German Mark 2.4494 (-0.0080)
Exchange Index 80.0 (-0.2)
RPI 144.7 Aug (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
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RECENT ISSUES

Compel (125)	116	-3
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Emerging Mkts C	65	...
Ennemix (63)	68	...
Indpndnt Parts (112)	120	...
Mackie Intnl (180)	186	+5
Ryland (80)	85	...
Suter Wts 99/04	31	-1
Templeton Emg New	368	-½
Templeton Emg Wts	195	-½
Wrexham Water	340	-10
Wrexham Water NV	325	-5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Jermyn Inv n/p (160)	2	...
Reckitt & Clmn n/p (500)	26	-3
Unichem n/p (245)	12	...
World of Leather n/p (75)	4	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
SG Warburg 580p (+11p)
JD Wetherspoon 421p (+12p)
Vendome 505p (+11p)
Burmah Castrol 850p (+9p)
Rothmans 396p (+13p)
Glaxo 583p (+10½p)

FALLS:
Hambros 225p (-26p)
Nat Aust Bank 483p (-10p)
H Boot 260p (-10p)
Micro Focus 805p (-10p)
Man United 679p (-13p)
Bluebird Toys 210p (-10p)
Cannon Street 15½p (-11p)
David Brown 201p (-19p)
GKN 601p (-12p)
Reuters 452p (-15p)
Scot TV 480p (-13p)
Lex Service 348p (-12p)
Lucas 181p (-11p)
T&N 208p (-14p)
Ramco Energy 207p (-27p)
Ferguson Intl 315p (-15p)
Avon Rubber 570p (-11p)
J Billam 128p (-12p)

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Ibstock rebuilds

AFTER years of punishment, Ibstock is beginning to find the world an gentler place and even now the group is looking beyond recovery to building up its share of Britain's brick market.

Two years ago, the mere thought of expansion would have been laughable, with plummeting brick prices, industry overcapacity and losses. Ibstock's problems have been compounded by its investment in pulp and paper, an industry that plunged into recession at the same time as the UK building materials market. Today, the European paper industry is in recovery and the company's half share in Celulose do Caima, a Portuguese pulp mill, is now making profits, presenting the prospect of a sale of the interest. More important has been the slow recovery of brick prices: stock levels have fallen from 6 months to 2 months or less, allowing the industry to put through small price increases of 5 to 6 per cent, enough to boost Ibstock's return on sales from 3 to 4 per cent back into double figures.

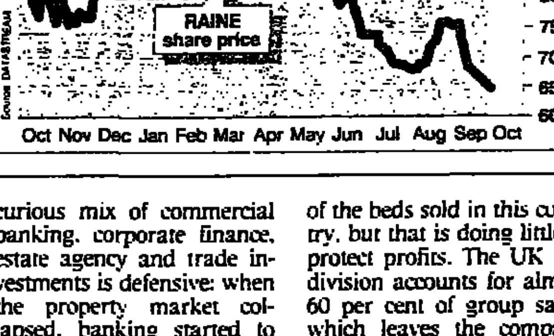
Ibstock is still a minor player in the league table of brick manufacturers with about 10 per cent of the market, well behind the leaders Hanson and Redland, each with more than 18 per cent, while the rest of the industry is carved up between smaller players such as Blue Circle, for whom bricks are a sideline. The profusion of small players worsened the price war, but price recovery should bring consolidation as marginal players put their capital to better use elsewhere. Low gearing of 15 per cent and the prospect of a cash boost from the sale of the remaining interest in Portugal gives Ibstock room to expand and a deal could come in the next few months.

Raine

WHEN Raine bought rival housebuilder Walter Lawrence back in March 1992 for £30 million most regarded it as a smart move at the bottom of the housing market. Lawrence came with some £70 million of debt but plans to quickly sell on West Venture, the Californian homes business were aimed at reducing the capital locked up in the US.

More than two years on and Raine is stuck in Californian quicksand. The sunshine state's property recession turned into a slump and to add further injury, the recent earthquake demolished the main freeway linking West Venture's sites to Los Angeles. Temporarily cut off from buyers, sales halved leaving Raine with $55 million in capital sunk in a market going nowhere. Happily for Raine the UK climate is better but like most of its competitors, the housebuilder is moving upmarket in search of more volume. Young childless couples are no longer the growth area of the market and Raine is hoping to shift its average selling price from £70,000 to £80,000 to achieve more comfortable margins as well as more sales. Like many builders, Raine has been spending more per plot in the hope of selling a more expensive product. Land now accounts for about 19 per cent of the selling price. With bricks and blocks costing more too, a lot is riding on the family home-buyer turning up in force over the next 12 months.

STILL DREAMING IN CALIFORNIA



Hambros

ARRIVING so quickly after SG Warburg, one is tempted to dismiss yesterday's profit warning from Hambros as just another merchant banker swept on to the beach after a violent market storm.

That would be a mistake as Hambros is quite distinct from its peers. For instance, it has no equity distribution business and its exposure to market turbulence in the half year to September is confined to bonds, where it has a presence as issuer and trader. But equally important to the profits setback forecast by the bank is the loss of income from lower interest rates.

Hambros has made a point of maintaining a substantial business of straight commercial lending to blue-chip companies, which bears little risk but earns it slim margins at the best of times. In the past six months, competition by banks to lend has eroded already small returns.

Hambros argues that its curious mix of commercial banking, corporate finance, estate agency and trade investments is defensive: when the property market collapsed, banking started to recover. But the strategy has provided little in earnings growth and hopes that the current year might see all its cylinders firing have been dashed by the market. Investors expect merchant banking profits to be cyclical and some might question whether Hambros has too weak a presence in too many games to be a truly successful player.

Silentnight

Investors in Silentnight are unlikely to sleep soundly just yet. The company has been badly hit by the downturn in the UK bed market and there are few signs that the situation is easing.

Its dominant market position in the UK, once seen as a strength, is proving a limitation. It may sell one in three of the beds sold in this country, but that is doing little to protect profits. The UK bed division accounts for almost 60 per cent of group sales, which leaves the company dependent on a low-growth, intensely price-competitive market. It is difficult to grow its market share much further and acquisitions are likely to take sales from its existing brands.

The company has started to expand its geographic base with subsidiaries in both Germany and the US. However, these have encountered their own problems and are still not large enough to offset difficulties in the UK.

Fortunately the company has a healthy balance sheet and the resources to fund its planned acquisition programme overseas as well as expansion of its UK cabinet business which shows some promise.

These will provide future sources of growth but it will take time. Shareholders may have to be patient.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

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Dec	970-968	Mar	1081-1080
Mar	1001-1000	May	1095-1090
May	1015-1014	Jul	1100-1081
Jul	1028-1027	Sep	1120-1091
Sep	1041-1040		
Dec	1063-1060		Volume: 6442

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3923-3920	Jul	3730-3710
Jan	3880-3877	Sep	3670-3620
Mar	3765-3780	Nov	3660-3620
May	3745-3735		Volume: 2323

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	329.8-29.0
Spot: 338.00		Oct	313.8-11.6
Dec	330.0-29.5	Dec	313.6-09.6
Mar	330.3-29.6	Mar	315.1-09.1
May	330.0-29.1		Volume: 259

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	75.66	88.70	115.84
(+/-)	-0.11	+0.97	-0.04
Eng/Wales	75.68	88.40	115.51
(+/-)	-0.16	+0.43	-0.04
(%)	+6.0	-32.0	+6.0
Scotland:	75.06	89.84	119.25
(+/-)	+1.37	+3.08	-0.59
(%)	-24.0	-28.0	-11.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.70	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.85	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.95	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.20	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.30	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 173 (n/c)	O: 176 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	153 (-1)	155 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Nov	157 (-1)	159 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Dec	160 (n/c)	162 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	77 (n/c)	78 (-2)
Naphtha	164 (-1)	166 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	153.50-53.75	Jan	160.00-60.25
Nov	155.75-56.00	Feb	160.75-61.25
Dec	158.25-58.50		Vol: 13249

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.93-16.95	Feb	16.98-17.02
Dec	16.99-17.01	Mar	16.95-17.00
Jan	17.00-17.02		Vol: 27363

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	105.05	Nov	103.65
Jan	107.40	Jan	105.90
Mar	109.30	Mar	107.75
May	111.75	May	109.65
Jul	113.65	Sep	94.00
Volume: 285		Volume: 0	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	225.0	222.5
May	unq	238.0
		Volume: 97

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 86.75-87.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1750	1725	1728
Nov 94	1720	1704	1723
Dec 94	1710	1705	1710
Jan 95	1668	1640	1665
Vol: 241 lots		Open Interest: 2503	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2492.0-2493.0	2499.5-2500.0	2425025
Lead ($/tonne)	621.00-622.00	637.00-637.50	139100
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1026.0-1026.5	1050.0-1050.5	433350
Tin ($/tonne)	5340.0-5350.0	5420.0-5425.0	21070
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1608.0-1609.0	1632.0-1633.0	1050250
Nickel ($/tonne)	6305.0-6310.0	6410.0-6420.0	84019

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	540	33½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*567)	589	6	—	—	26½	—	—
Argyll	260	16	23½	30	4	12½	17
(*270½)	280	5	13½	20½	14	23	28
ASDA	60	5	5	6½	1½	4	5
(*63)	70	1	3½	5	8½	10	11
Boots	500	24½	36	48	4½	16	23½
(*517½)	550	2½	13½	26	35½	45½	51
Br Airways	330	31½	40	48½	2½	16	14½
(*357)	360	11	22½	22	12	24	28
BP	390	21	31	40	4	12½	19
(*404½)	420	5	15½	25	20	28½	34
Br Steel	160	6½	14½	19½	3½	9½	11
(*164½)	190	1½	6	11	17	20	22
C & W	390	14	28½	40	12	23½	29½
(*390½)	420	4	16½	27½	34	42½	47½
CU	493	16	31	37	11	30½	33
(*493½)	543	2½	11½	17½	52½	54½	67
ICI	800	29½	55	70	11½	27½	45½
(*815)	850	7	30	45½	40½	55½	72½
Kingfishr	460	32	47	59½	5	14	22½
(*483½)	500	9	23	36½	23	33	41
Land Sec	600	21	33	47	6½	17	22
(*612½)	650	2	12½	24	40	46½	51½
M & S	390	10½	26½	36	4½	13	17
(*400)	420	3½	12	21½	22½	29½	33
Nat West	460	24	41	50	5	15½	27
(*476½)	500	5½	20½	30	27½	30½	50
Sainsbury	390	24	35½	47½	4½	16½	18½
(*407½)	420	7	19½	30	19	31½	30½
Shell	700	16	35½	47	10	22	32½
(*704)	750	2	14	23½	48½	57	64½
Smkl Bch	420	16½	30½	39½	8	19½	27
(*428)	460	2	13	22½	35	44½	50½
Storehse	180	20	24½	27½	1½	4	6
(*197)	200	5	11½	15½	7	13	17½
Trafalgar	90	5	8½	12	1	6	7
(*92)	90	1½	4½	7	10½	12	13
Unilever	1100	36½	61	82	9½	30½	46
(*1124½)	1150	12	35	55	34	56	71½
Zeneca	900	25	59½	63½	12½	27½	44½
(*909½)	950	5	25½	38½	45	56½	72½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	25	30½	43½	7½	18½	21½
(*405½)	420	11½	20	28½	22½	35	37½
Ladbroke	140	19½	25	27½	2½	5½	3½
(*154)	160	7	13½	17	11½	14½	18½
Utd Bisc	300	15½	24½	28½	11	14½	23½
(*308)	330	5	12½	15½	32½	34	42
BAA	450	29½	36	46	3	10	14
(*471½)	475	10	21	30½	12	21½	25½
Thames W	460	31½	39	49½	4½	15	19½
(*485½)	500	7	19	29	22	37	39½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	22	35½	42	12½	19½	30½
(*425½)	460	6½	17½	23½	40	44½	55½
BTR	300	16½	25	31	8½	13	19½
(*306½)	330	4½	12	17	27½	30½	37
Br Aero	420	34	51	58	14	21	30½
(*438½)	460	14	31	38	35	43	52
Br Telcm	360	10½	22	29	9½	18½	21
(*363)	390	5	9½	16½	30	38½	40½
Cadbury	420	35½	46	51	4½	9½	16½
(*446)	460	11	23	28½	22	27½	37
Guinness	420	47½	57	63	3½	7	13½
(*459)	460	17½	30	37	15½	22	30
GEC	280	15½	20	25½	6½	12	14½
(*285½)	300	6	11	16½	18½	23	25½
Hanson	220	19	21	24	3½	6	10½
(*232)	240	6½	11	14½	12½	18½	20½
LASMO	134	20	—	—	3	—	—
(*149½)	154	7½	—	—	11½	—	—
Lucas	180	8½	14½	18½	12	14	17½
(*182½)	200	3	7½	11½	26	28	30½
Pilkngtn	180	13½	16½	22	5	9½	12½
(*186)	200	4	7½	13	17½	22	24
Prudential	280	24	32½	34½	4½	8½	14½
(*296)	300	11	21	23½	13	17	25
Redland	460	28½	42	50½	11	18	32½
(*482)	500	9½	23	31	34½	40½	56
Royal Ins	280	17	27	32½	11½	17½	23½
(*283½)	300	8½	17½	24	24	28½	34½
Tesco	220	22	28	33½	3½	8	11½
(*236)	240	8½	16	21½	12	16½	20½
Vodafone	183	16	20½	—	5½	9	—
(*192½)	200	7½	13	17½	13½	18	27½
Williams	325	21½	—	—	5½	—	—
(*337½)	354	6	—	—	21½	—	—
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	360	40	49	52	6	14½	19½
(*388)	390	21	30	34½	17	29	33½
Amstrad	25	3	4	5	2	3½	3½
(*25½)	30	1½	2	3	6½	7	7½
Barclays	550	35½	49	57	17	29½	36
(*562)	600	13	25	34	46½	58	64
Blue Circ	280	21	27½	34½	11½	15	25
(*285)	300	10	13	25½	23	26½	36
Br Gas	280	21	22	32	3	13	18½
(*295½)	300	11	17½	22	17	22½	29
Dixons	160	26½	29	37½	4	5	11
(*179)	180	13½	17	22½	12	16½	20½
Forte	220	14½	21	27	9½	14	19½
(*226)	240	6	12	18	22½	25½	31½
Hillsdwn	160	15	23	25½	4	7½	11
(*177½)	180	5½	12	15	14	16	22
Lonrho	130	11	14	17½	6½	10½	12
(*132½)	140	6	9	13	11	16	17½
Sears	100	9	10½	12	5	6½	9
(*102½)	110	4	6	7½	12	13	15½
Thrn EMI	950	64	70½	98	19½	32½	40½
(*981)	1000	34½	50	69½	41	57½	64½
Tomkins	220	15	21	26½	11	15½	19
(*220½)	240	6½	12	18	24	27½	30½
TSB	200	25	28	31	4	9½	11½
(*217)	220	12½	16	19½	12	18	21½
Wellcome	650	48	69	80½	29	41½	53½
(*660½)	700	25½	45½	57½	57	68½	90
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	550	41½	60½	72½	5	18	28
(*583)	600	10	32	46½	27½	40½	56½
HSBC	650	43	68½	80	7½	25½	43½
(*682)	700	14½	41	54	31	49	70½
Reuter	450	14	—	—	11	—	—
(*452)	462½	6	—	—	19	—	—
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	160	22½	27	30	2	5½	9½
(*177½)	180	9½	15	18½	9	13½	17½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	110	9	12	14	8	10½	12½
(*110½)	120	4	7½	9½	14½	16½	18½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	700	49½	67	82½	17	30	41
(*726½)	750	23½	41½	56½	42	55	64½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	420	43½	53½	62	6½	15½	22
(*452½)	460	19	31	40½	26½	33	41
Scot Pwr	330	27½	34	41½	14½	21½	24½
(*336)	360	14	21½	29½	32	38	41½

FT-SE INDEX (*3001½)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	127	87	55	31	16	7
Nov	156	118	89	63	43	29
Dec	173	141	118	87	66	48
Jan	200	169	139	112	90	69
Jun	271	—	211	—	162	—
Puts						
Oct	16	28	47	73	110	153
Nov	39	52	73	98	129	166
Dec	57	74	96	121	149	182
Jan	72	90	110	133	163	193
Jun	115	—	153	—	205	—

October 4, 1994 Tot: 23391 Call: 14850 Put: 8541 FT-SE Call: 4771 Put: 3134
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 55633	Dec 94 Mar 95	2987.0 3038.5	3023.0 3038.5	2997.0 3036.5	3019.0 3043.5	11016 40
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 487155	Dec 94 Mar 95 Jun 95	93.14 92.22 91.61	93.21 92.29 91.65	93.12 92.18 91.56	93.20 92.28 91.64	22754 18016 6655
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 3994	Dec 94 Mar 95	93.97 93.57	93.97 93.57	93.97 93.57	93.97 93.59	30 23
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 693735	Dec 94 Mar 95	94.63 94.22	94.65 94.23	94.62 94.19	94.63 94.21	23652 26103
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 96029	Dec 94 Mar 95	99-28	99-17	98-24	99-09 98-21	54969 0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94 Mar 95	107.79	107.82	107.75	107.80 107.03	1357 0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 154072	Dec 94 Mar 95	88.35 87.60	88.46 87.70	88.09 87.60	88.34 87.65	96149 90
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 0	Dec 94					
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 18253	Dec 94 Mar 95	93.59 93.03	93.62 93.06	93.56 92.98	93.60 93.01	893 1135
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 43629	Dec 94 Mar 95	95.62 95.23	95.63 95.23	95.58 95.20	95.62 95.23	2799 675
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 65134	Dec 94 Mar 95	98.70 98.45	99.30 98.45	98.69 98.45	99.02 98.37	34619 200

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 3½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¼-5⅛	5⁵⁄₁₆-5³⁄₁₆	5½-5⅜	n/a	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	6-5⅞	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆
Interbank:	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	6-5⅞	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆	7⅛-7

Overnight: open 6, close 5

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅞	6½	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5⅜-5¼	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆	7¼-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.03-5.00	n/a	5.48-5.45	5.74-5.71	6.28-6.25
Building Society CDs:	5⁵⁄₁₆-5³⁄₁₆	5½-5⅜	5⅞-5¾	6⅜-6¼	7¼-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.52%. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.579%

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4⅞	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	4⅞-3⅞
Deutschemark:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	5⅛-5	5¼-5⅛	5-4
French Franc:	5⅜-5¼	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	5¼-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3¹³⁄₁₆-3¹¹⁄₁₆	3¹³⁄₁₆-3¹¹⁄₁₆	4⅛-4	4⅜-4¼	4⅛-3⅛
Yen:	2⅛-2	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2⅛-1⅛

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $395.50-395.90 Close: $392.05-392.55 High: $395.50-395.90 Low: $391.30-391.60 AM: $394.10 PM: $392.45

Krugerrand: $395.00-396.00 (£249.00-251.00)

Platinum: $417.50 (£264.60) **Silver:** $5.59 (£3.535) **Palladium:** $152.25 (£96.50)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7398-2.7480	2.7398-2.7432	⅛pr-par	⅝-½pr
Brussels	50.30-50.48	50.30-50.41	5-2pr	10-5pr
Copenhagen	9.5730-9.6120	9.5730-9.5850	¼-¾ds	½-1½ds
Dublin	1.0090-1.0125	1.0094-1.0121	3pr-par	4pr-1ds
Frankfurt	2.4455-2.4536	2.4455-2.4488	¼-⅛pr	½-⅜pr
Lisbon	249.15-250.10	249.15-249.30	70-120ds	205-335ds
Madrid	202.63-203.20	202.63-202.92	31-41ds	98-113ds
Milan	2466.80-2473.40	2466.80-2470.90	5-6ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.1195-2.1274	2.1216-2.1246	0.16-0.07pr	0.30-0.20pr
New York	1.5780-1.5824	1.5780-1.5790	0.08-0.07pr	0.18-0.16pr
Oslo	10.6550-10.7000	10.6550-10.6700	¼-¾ds	2¼-3¼ds
Paris	8.3500-8.3700	8.3510-8.3650	⅛pr-par	⅞-½pr
Stockholm	11.6430-11.7030	11.6450-11.6720	1½-2¼ds	5¼-6¾ds
Tokyo	157.09-157.56	157.12-157.38	1⅛-⅞pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	17.21-17.28	17.21-17.25	1¾-¾pr	5¼-3¼pr
Zurich	2.0332-2.0398	2.0332-2.0362	⅜-¼pr	1-⅞pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3528-1.3537
Austria	10.91-10.92
Belgium (Com)	31.88-31.90
Canada	1.3441-1.3446
Denmark	6.0720-6.0770
France	5.2955-5.2975
Germany	1.5509-1.5513
Hong Kong	7.7268-7.7278
Ireland	1.5604-1.5613
Italy	1565.00-1566.00
Japan	99.65-99.70
Malaysia	2.5640-2.5650
Netherlands	1.7375-1.7380
Norway	6.7590-6.7610
Portugal	158.07-158.17
Singapore	1.4802-1.4812
Spain	128.42-128.52
Sweden	7.3964-7.4064
Switzerland	1.2885-1.2890

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5780-1.5806
Australia dollar	2.1351-2.1369
Bahrain dinar	0.590-0.602
Brazil real*	1.3444-1.3495
Cyprus pound	0.738-0.748
Finland markka	7.5695-7.6855
Greece drachma	370.25-377.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.1998-12.2068
India rupee	49.10-50.06
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4655-0.4755
Malaysia ringgit	4.0483-4.0517
Mexico peso	5.26-5.36
New Zealand dollar	2.6161-2.6191
Pakistan rupee	47.93 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.867-5.903
Singapore dollar	2.3369-2.3393
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6591-6.7108
S Africa rand (com)	5.6224-5.6308
U A E dirham	5.7455-5.8695

Barclays Bank GTS • *Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	874	Legal & Gn	447
ASDA Gp	2,100	Lloyds Bk	2,300
Abbey Natl	3,700	MEPC	1,000
Allied Dom	423	Marks Spr	2,900
Argyll Gp	2,000	NatWst Bk	2,400
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	Nat Power	2,200
AB Foods	178	Nth Wst W	1,000
BAA	1,500	P & O	1,300
BAT Inds	3,000	Pearson	1,200
BOC	151	PowerGen	523
BP	8,800	Prudential	2,200
BTR	5,300	RMC	286
BT	9,600	RTZ	2,100
Bk of Scot	1,400	Rank Org	660
Barclays	1,900	Reckitt Col	684
Bass	994	Redland	3,300
Blue Circle	2,400	Reed Intl	928
Boots	1,100	Rentokil	505
Bowater	731	Reuters	2,800
Brit Aero	1,400	Rolls Royce	2,800
Brit Airwys	1,100	Ryl Ins	1,300
Brit Gas	3,300	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000
Brit Steel	12,000	Sainsbury	1,300
Burmah Cstl	206	Schroders	213
Cable Wire	6,700	Scot & New	985
Cadbury	790	Scot Power	2,900
Caradon	1,600	Sears	2,000
Carlton Cms	291	Svrn Trent	1,700
Cm Union	2,000	Shell Trans	4,600
Courtaulds	1,600	Siebe	944
De La Rue	353	SmKl Bch	2,300
Eastern Elec	1,200	Smith Nph	386
Enterpr Oil	2,100	Sthern Elec	1,400
Forte	2,200	Std Chartd	2,400
GKN	1,800	Sun Allnce	1,400
GRE	1,800	TI Gp	410
GUS	1,700	TSB	1,100
Gen Acc	220	Tesco	1,500
Gen Elec	2,300	Thames W	3,100
Glaxo	5,200	Thrn EMI	710
Granada	1,400	Tomkins	1,700
Grand Met	1,500	Unilever	1,400
Guinness	1,800	Utd Bisc	425
HSBC	2,200	Vodafone	4,900
Hanson	8,200	Warburg	2,300
ICI	2,600	Wellcome	719
Inchcape	1,000	Whitbread	564
Kingfisher	580	Wllms Hld	560
Ladbroke	1,500	Wolseley	815
Land Secs	617	Zeneca	1,200

WALL STREET

	Oct 4 midday	Oct 3 close
AMP Inc	75½	76½
AMR Corp	50¾	51½
AT & T	53¾	53¾
Abbott Labs	31½	31½
Aetna Life	46½	46½
Ahmanson (HF)	20¼	20¾
Air Prod & Chem	45¼	45½
Albertson's	29¼	29¾
Alcan Aluminm	26¼	26¼
Alco Standard	61	61¼
Allied Signal	34	34
Alum Co of Am	85¼	85¾
Amax Gold Inc	7½	7½
Amerada Hess	46½	47½
Amer Brands	36	35½
Amer Cyanamid	99¾	99¾
Amer El Power	31	31½
Amer Express	31	29¾
Amer Genl Corp	27¼	27¾
Amer Home Pr	60¾	60¾
Amer Intl	89½	88¾
Amer Stores	24½	24½
Ameritech	39¾	39¾
Amoco	59¾	59¾
Anheuser-Busch	50¾	51
Apple Computer	33¾	33½
Archer Daniels	25¾	26
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	41½	42½
Asarco	33¾	33¾
Ashland Oil	35¾	35½
Atl Richfield	99¾	100½
Auto Data Pro	55¾	56½
Avery Dennison	34½	34½
Avon Products	59¾	60
Baker Hughes	19	19
Baltim Gas & El	22¾	22¾
Banc One	29¾	29¾
BankAmerica	43¾	43¾
Bank of NY	29¾	29¾
Bankers Tr NY	65	66½
Barnett Banks	42¾	43½
Bausch & Lomb	34¾	35½
Baxter Intl	28	28
Becton Dicknsn	47¾	47¾
Bell Atlantic	51½	52½
BellSouth	54½	55½
Black & Decker	21½	21½
Block (H&R)	45½	45¾
Boeing	43½	43¾
Boise Cascade	30½	30¾
Borden Inc	13½	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	56½	56½
Browning Ferris	31½	32½
Brunswick	20¾	20¾
Burlington Nthn	50¾	49½
CBS	322½	321½
CNA Financial	62¾	62½
CPC Intl	50¾	50½
CSX	68¾	68
Campbell Soup	39½	39¾
Can Pacific	16¼	16½
Cpd Cities ABC	80¾	81½
Carolina Pwr	25½	26½
Caterpillar	54½	54½
Central & SW	22¾	22½
Champion Intl	39¾	39¾
Chase Manhat	34¾	34½
Chemical Bk	34½	34¾
Chevron Corp	41½	42
Chrysler	44½	44¾
Chubb Corp	70¾	70¾
Cigna Corp	61½	62½
Citicorp	42¾	42½
Clorox	52	51½
Coastal Corp	26½	27½
Coca Cola	49½	49½
Colgate-Palmolive	58½	58¾
Columbia Gas	26½	26½
Compaq Comp	32½	33
Comp Ass Int	44½	44¾
Conagra	30½	31½
Cons Edison	25½	25½
Cons Nat Gas	38½	38½
Cons Rail	49¾	49¾
Cooper Inds	40	39½
Corning Inc	32½	32½
Crown Cork	38½	38½
Dana Corp	26½	27
Dayton Hudson	76½	76½
Deere	68½	68½
Delta Air Lines	45	45
Deluxe Corp	29¾	29½
Detroit Edison	25½	25¾
Digital Equip	26½	26½
Dillard Dept St	26½	26½
Disney (Walt)	39	39¾
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donnelley (RR)	30	29½
Dover Corp	56½	56½
Dow Chemical	76½	77½
Dow Jones	30	30½
Dresser	20½	20½
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Bradstreet	58	57½
Du Pont	57½	57½
Eastman Kodak	51½	51½
Eaton Corp	46½	46½
Emerson Elec	59	58½
Engelhard Corp	26½	26½

	Oct 4 midday	Oct 3 close
Enron Corp	29½	30
Entergy	23	23½
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	57½	57½
FMC Corp	62½	62½
FPL Group	32½	32½
Federal Express	60¾	61½
Fed Nat Mtge	77½	78½
First Chicago	44½	45½
First Interstate	80½	80½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	37	37½
Fluor Corp	49½	49½
Ford Motor	27½	27½
GTE Corp	30½	30½
Gannett	47½	47½
Gap Inc Del	33¾	34½
Gen Dynamics	44½	44½
Gen Electric	47½	47¾
Gen Mills	57½	57½
Gen Motors	46½	46½
Gen Reinsurance	105½	105
Gen Signal	34½	34½
Genuine Parts	35	35
Georgia Pac	76½	76½
Gillette	71½	71½
Glaxo ADR	18½	18½
Goodrich (BF)	41½	41½
Goodyear Tire	34½	34½
Grace (W&R)	41½	41½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26½	26½
Great Wstn Fin	18½	18½
Halliburton	31½	32
Harcourt General	34½	34½
Heinz (HJ)	36½	36½
Hercules	102½	102½
Hershey Foods	45½	45½
Hewlett Packard	86½	86½
Hilton Hotels	59½	59½
Home Depot	42½	42½
Homestake Mng	20	20½
Honeywell	34½	34½
Household Intl	36	36
Houston Inds	34½	34½
Humana	22½	23½
ITT Corp	82½	82½
Illinois Tool	42	42½
Illinova	19½	19½
INCO	29½	29½
Ingersoll Rand	35	35
Inland Steel	39½	38½
Intel Corp	59½	60½
IBM	68½	69
Intl Flav & Fr	41½	41½
Intl Paper	78½	79½
James River Va	24½	24½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	51½	51½
Kellogg	57½	57½
Kerr-McGee	46½	47½
Kimberly-Clark	58½	58½
Kmart	17½	17½
Knight-Ridder	49½	49½
Lilly (Eli)	57½	58½
Limited Inc	19½	19½
Lin Brdcstng	138½	138½
Lincoln Nat	37½	37½
Litton	37	37½
Liz Claiborne	23½	23½
Lockheed	68½	69
Louisiana Pac	32½	33½
MCI Comm	25½	25½
Marriott Int	28½	28½
Marsh & McLnn	77½	77½
Masco Corp	23½	23½
May Dept St	39½	39½
Maytag Corp	15½	16
McDonalds	26½	26½
McDonnell D	115½	114½
McGraw Hill	73½	73½
Mead Corp	52½	52½
Medtronic	52½	52½
Mellon Bk	56½	56½
Melville Corp	36½	36½
Merck Inc	36½	36½
Merrill Lynch	37½	37½
Minnesota Mine	54½	54½
Mobil Corp	79	79½
Monsanto	79½	79½
Morgan (JP)	60½	61
Motorola Inc	51½	52½
Natl Medical	17½	18
Natl Semi	14½	15½
Natl Service Ind	26½	26½
Navistar Intl	13½	13½
NBD Bancorp	28½	28½
NY Times A	21½	21½
Newmont Mng	44½	44½
Niag Mohawk	13½	13½
Nike B	59	59
NL Industries	11	11½
Noram Energy	6½	6½
Nordstrom	40½	39½
Norfolk Sthrn	62½	62
Nthn State Pwr	42½	42½
Norwest Corp	24	24½
Nynex Corp	38½	38½
Occidental Pet	20½	20½
Ohio Edison	18½	18½
Oracle Systems	43½	43½
Oryx Energy Co	13½	13½

	Oct 4 midday	Oct 3 close
Owens Corning	32½	32½
PNC Financial	25½	25½
PPG Industries	38½	39½
Paccar Inc	45	45½
Pacificorp	16½	16½
Pac Enterprises	21½	21½
Pac Gas & Elect	21½	21½
Pac Telesis	30½	30½
Pall Corp	17	17
Panhandle East	23½	23½
Parker Hannifin	39½	39½
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	50½	51½
Pennzoil	46½	46
Pepsico	33½	33½
Pfizer	70½	69½
Phelps Dodge	63½	63½
Philip Morris	60½	60½
Phillips Pet	33½	33½
Pitney Bowes	35½	35½
Polaroid	35	35½
PriceCostco	15½	15½
Procter & Gmbl	59½	59½
Providian	31	31½
Pub Serv E & G	26½	26½
Quaker Oats	76½	76
Ralston Purina	41	41½
Raychem Corp	41½	41½
Raytheon	63	63½
Reebok Intl	36½	36
Reynolds Metals	56½	57½
Roadway Srvcs	56½	57
Rockwell Intl	34½	34½
Rohm & Haas	58	57½
Royal Dutch	108½	107½
Rubbermaid	26½	26½
Safeco Corp	51½	51½
St Paul's Cos	40½	40½
Salomon Inc	38½	39½
Santa Fe Pac	13	16½
Sara Lee Corp	22½	22½
Scecorp	13½	13½
Schering Plough	72½	72
Schlumberger	55½	59½
Scott Paper	61½	61½
Seagram	30½	30½
Sears Roebuck	47½	48½
Shell Trans	67½	67½
Sherwin Wlms	31½	31½
Skyline Corp	20½	20½
Snap-On-Tools	35	35
Southern Co	18½	18½
Sthwestern Bell	40½	41½
Sprint Corp	37½	37½
Stanley Works	40½	40½
Sun Company	28½	29½
Sun Microsys	28½	28½
Suntrust	47½	48½
Supervalu	25½	25½
Sysco Corp	25½	25½
TRW Inc	71½	72½
TCC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	16½	16½
Tandy Corp	43	43
Teledyne	16½	16½
Temple Inland	56½	56½
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Timken	37½	38½
Torchmark	44½	43½
Toys R Us	36½	36½
Transamerica	49½	50½
Travelers	32½	32½
Tribune	53½	53½
Tyco Labs	46½	47½
UST Inc	28½	28½
UAL	87½	87½
USX Marathon	17½	17½
Unicom	22½	22½
Unilever NV	113½	113½
Union Camp	49½	49½
Union Carbide	33½	33½
Union Pacific	52½	53½
Unisys Corp	10½	10½
USAir Group	5	4½
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	32½	32½
US West	38½	38
United Tech	63½	62½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
Upjohn	34½	35
VF Corp	49½	49½
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	23	23½
Warner-Lambert	81½	81½
Wells Fargo	144½	145
Westinghouse El	12½	12½
Weyerhaeuser	44½	45
Whirlpool	51½	51½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	50½	50½
Woolworth	17	17½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	40½	41½
Xerox	106	106
Yellow Corp	18½	18½

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Just getting the hang of the job

ONE of the City's noted brokers retires tomorrow after notching up a series of fifties. Alan Savory, head dealer at Raphael Zorn Hemsley, established in 1787 and thought to be one of London's oldest brokers, has been with the same firm for 50 years, in the same office at No 10 Throgmorton Avenue for almost 50 years, (though he did pop out for two years and a month for National Service with the RAF), has walked the floor of the old stock exchange for more years than he cares to remember, and for almost 50 years has had the same wife — "unusual, these days," he quips. And it is his 65th birthday tomorrow! He will be missed in the City, but not necessarily on the train from Frinton-on-Sea on which, for the past 50 years, fellow passengers have irritatingly seen him finish the crossword in record time.

Magnum farce

SMITH New Court's smaller companies team could not wait to boast how it hands out a *magnum* of champagne to the person who identifies the front cover of its quarterly review, while SG Warburg only gives a *bottle* in a similar competition. Warburg, whose lower profit alert on Monday might well explain it, says the champagne idea was its to start with, and all SNC has done is to raise the size — not the quality — of the prize. "And we've saved a bottle because nobody identified our September cover," Warburg sniffs.



"Oh no, not another City profits warning"

Kid's stuff

PEARSON, whose subsidiaries include the *Financial Times*, is seeking an executive who can "build a business on fantasy". The business development manager who is being sought for the position will work for Chessington World of Adventures. The graduate concerned needs to be "a big kid", according to recruitment consultants, MSL Advertising Services, and his or her trade mark should be "smiles and laughter". It's good to hear that Pearson will give the necessary financial backing, both to the new executive who should "fit into our fun, enjoyable, fast-moving environment", and for any projects he/she has time for afterwards.

Captive market

DAVID Williamson, a Cornish tin miner turned City entrepreneur who helped to raise money in August to save Cornwall's South Crofty tin mine from closure, has a surprise in store for the 30 representatives of City financial institutions and mining analysts whom he is taking underground today. Williamson will lead the party into the lift cage that will take them to 2,500 ft below surface, encouraging them all the way down to cough up an extra £2 million to ensure the mine's viability. "I'll only call the lift cage to take them back to the surface once they have got out their cheque books. Otherwise, they can ladder it back to daylight," Williamson lightly says.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Promoter topping the bill with his big-name group

Sarah Bagnall profiles the tough chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group



PETER TREVNOR

Michael Deeny said sitting on the top floor of Lloyd's was much easier than negotiating a music deal

Michael Deeny, the pop concert promotor and chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, never doubted yesterday's High Court victory. Mr Deeny, 49, can take much of the credit for yesterday's landmark ruling, which goes some way towards compensating the action group's 3,096 members for the hundreds of millions of pounds they have lost in the world's largest insurance market.

A tough-talking man from Northern Ireland, Mr Deeny is a formidable character who does not fit neatly into any box. He is a wiry, grey-haired man who, usually attired in a pinstripe suit, looks every bit the English gentleman.

He read history at Oxford before training as a chartered accountant. Swiftly after qualifying, he switched to the music business, becoming a pop concert promoter.

He joined Lloyd's, drawn by the heady profits many were reaping during the 1980s. But, in contrast to many names, he says he was totally aware of the risks involved. And, in spite of his accountancy background, he is a self-proclaimed risk-taker.

He says: "With concert promotion, you are effectively gambling on how many tickets an artiste sells. Every concert promoter goes through the experience of making large amounts of money and occasionally losing large amounts of money."

He recalls when he and his Spanish partner lost $2 million in five nights. "It was on a series of Prince's tours in Spain. It wasn't because the tickets hadn't sold, but because a sponsorship deal fell through. There was a fax guaranteeing sponsorship of $2 million, but I didn't know that a fax wasn't binding in Spanish law." Then, in a flash of humour, he adds: "I learnt that bit of Spanish law the hard way."

In contrast, he believed Lloyd's was a traditional, safe way to invest money. A belief he admits "sounds absurd now", and a mistake for which he has paid heavily.

But unlike in many cases of losing money, there was something he could do. "It's a terrible thing to lose lots of money that you have worked hard to earn. The best therapy is actively being involved in getting it back," he says.

He started off as a committee member on the Gooda Walker Action Group when the ebullient Alfred Doll-Steinberg was in the chair. Mr Doll-Steinberg was instrumental in getting the group off the ground, but was unceremoniously sacked in December 1992 after names took umbrage over plans for a success fee.

Mr Deeny stepped in, not entirely the willing supplicant, given the time-consuming nature of his job. Being in the spotlight was not new to him having been an avid debater at school and university, a move that he made to rid himself of a stutter, traces of which remain.

"But the losses kept on going up so it became increasingly important, and I wanted to get involved. I also became concerned about the direction the action group was taking," he recalls.

He viewed litigation as the only way forward, but it had to be focused and pragmatic. Of the approaches adopted by names on other action groups, he said: "I don't believe in spending time on trying to get Government inquiries and so on because I know it's not going to put any money in our pockets. Her Majesty's Government is not going to spend one penny on paying the losses of Lloyd's names, and anyone who thinks to the contrary is naive." He was no stranger to litigation because of his years in the litigious world of music. "There is an old music business saying that "there is no hit without a writ", and that is very true."

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Having closed countless deals on behalf of a mass of rock bands and performers such as U2, Nirvana, Bruce Springsteen, and Luciano Pavarotti, he is a tough negotiator, with a sharp and flexible mind.

The art of thinking quickly has been honed over the years from occasions when he suddenly found himself transacting a deal without any warning. "Richard Branson once turned up at a show of a singer I was managing and we negotiated a recording deal at 3am in a café. We wrote the deal on a paper napkin," he recalls. It is a far cry from the methods employed at Lloyd's, where he has spent hours closeted behind closed doors trying to beat out an out-of-court settlement with David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman. Lloyd's offer of £900 million was rejected earlier this year by names because it was inadequate in its magnitude and failed to provide a cap on their losses.

Mr Deeny, with other leading action group chairman, was closely involved in the attempt by Lloyd's to end the flood of litigation. The discussions were complex and lengthy. But Mr Deeny says: "Sitting on the top floor of Lloyd's was much easier than negotiating a music deal."

Juggling his life between Lloyd's and other commitments has been hard. He gets minimum sleep and usually works 80 hours a week. The price has been he sees little of his wife and his three children, who are all aged under 13.

However, he seems to have relished the battle. "I've actually found it much more interesting than the music business because it is intellectually very demanding. It has been an enormous challenge because Lloyd's is very complicated," he says. That is no understatement as a 15 square foot room at Wilde Sapte, the action group's solicitor, is full of bookcases stretching from floor to ceiling and buckling under the weight of documents. As the case has made English legal history for involving the largest number of plaintiffs — 3,062 — and defendants — 71 — this is no surprise.

While Mr Deeny finds Lloyd's mentally stimulating, it is rock music that is most exhilarating. "The most exciting place in the world is to be in between the barrier and the lip of the stage at a big rock concert."

Mr Deeny does not think he personally deserves any pity for his Lloyd's losses, but he does believe there are plenty of those that do. Having run the group, he is only too familiar with the tails of woe from hordes of the old, the retired, the widowed and the ill. "These people should not have become names," he says.

In his view, the whole problem of Lloyd's is that it grew too fast in the 1980s. He said: "It was just a story of greed and over-expansion. The members' agents kept on bringing in more and more names so the underwriters had all this capacity and were desperately trying to find something to with it."

As the money poured in, syndicates grew and the management skills did not improve to match it. "It became too easy to become an underwriter. People who had only been clerks at the box and deputy under-assistant underwriters were given syndicates turning over £30 million or £40 million pounds a year."



ANTHONY HARRIS

The pains of cyclical convergence

It is 1987 all over again, just the same, only different. As in 1987, the markets first over-predicted a recovery, and then recoiled at the sight of it; recovery means rising interest rates, and equity/bond ratios were already over-stretched. So far, so similar, though the fall this time has been more like a bad puncture than a crash. But the differences are as striking as the parallels. In 1987, bond yields were high enough to anticipate recovery. Equities crashed. After the crash, the central banks remembered 1929 and panicked. Fearing a slump, they cut interest rates — fatally. A credit blow-out and consequent debt deflation followed.

This time round, bonds led the speculative boom, and have fallen most heavily. The central banks read this as an inflation warning, and in the US, at least, they are beginning to look right; and they remember 1987 rather than 1929. Result: well-justified fears of rising interest rates. The biggest puzzle is why the professional speculators in the market-making banks and hedge funds were so badly caught out; it seems they put too much faith in economics, or at least in economic forecasting as practised by every market economist who can work a computer.

These practitioners were nearly all caught out in the recession, which was much deeper than the consensus imagined; and now they are being equally caught out by the recovery. Every economy in the world is currently described as "stronger than expected". Not much surprise there. It happens every time the world's economies fall into step. Forecasts are based on models of individual economies; the external sector is more or less a given. But when they are all turning down, falling export demand adds an unanticipated deflation, and this deflation in turn depresses world trade further. Come the recovery, and this vicious spiral turns initially benign. Locomotive economies suddenly accelerate as their lagging train gathers momentum: then everyone starts to accelerate, and attentive central banks try a touch on the brakes. They are usually too gingerly, and nothing happens. They will have to try harder, and we find the market mourning prosperity.

The big reproach to economics is that we never seem to learn this lesson. It was precisely to eliminate errors of this kind, where errors reinforce each other, that the OECD has done its own projections for decades. These are made by constantly consulting national forecasters and feeding their results back to each other. This is supposed to mimic the iterative process by which trading economies influence one another; but it has never worked. What is worse, their projections have never got noticeably better. Meanwhile, the EC and IMF, who are supposed to model continental, or even world, economies, do almost as badly. Perhaps it is unfair to expect young men with computers to do any better, however well they are paid.

In the recession, these oversights were a dangerous international disgrace. At this stage, though, the news that is depressing the markets is nearly all good. What is more, the cautious reaction of the central banks is appropriate. There is reasonable hope of a sustained world expansion without speculative excesses. Britain is even luckier. The political cycle is out of sync with the business cycle, so we are having tough budgets just when they will do most good. Export led growth is not only sustainable, but it will most reward the long-headed while punishing those companies that try to practice the usual British mixture of over-caution and greed. There are advantages to being out of step.

Which brings us to a final puzzle. Why do some people still talk of mass cycling — they call it macroeconomic convergence — as a good thing? Why, in particular, do the ivory-tower thinkers with too much influence on the Labour Party preach it as a positive objective? The market men may not have solved the problem, but at least they do not mistake it as a solution to anything.

US tobacco firms are fighting back, says **Sean Mac Carthaigh**

New York City prepares for Marlboro Man's last stand

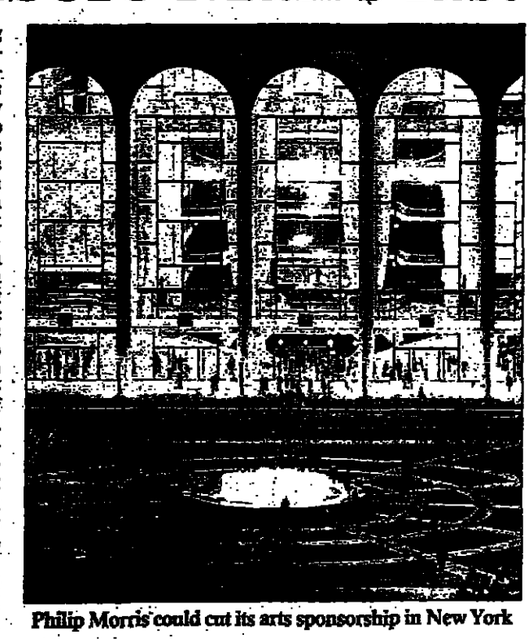
After years of preaching mutual tolerance between direct and passive smokers, America's tobacco companies are now taking an aggressive stand to defend their annual revenues of $42 billion. Philip Morris is pulling out all the stops in an effort to smother legislation in New York City to restrict smoking in public places.

The city council's health committee is soon to vote on a Bill that would ban smoking in most restaurants and public places, strengthening rules introduced in 1988. Philip Morris, maker of Marlboro and the world's largest cigarette manufacturer, said that if the Bill becomes law it would consider moving its headquarters from New York, abandoning its prestigious Park Avenue building and taking 2,000 jobs elsewhere. "This Bill is very, very important to us," a spokesman said.

A leading sponsor of cultural bodies and events in the city, Philip Morris has also let it be known that it might cut off the cash to the Lincoln Theatre, the Joyce Theatre, the Museum of Folk Art and other institutions unless the bill is dumped. This has provoked a flood of panicky phone calls from arts-world professionals to city councillors, asking for the bill to be scrapped.

But while many in New York are shocked by the threat, industry observers say the big tobacco companies have drawn a line in the sand; from now on, they will fight their corner fiercely.

In some ways, their backs are already to the wall. In 1965, 42.4 per cent of the US adult population smoked; now it has fallen to 25 per cent. Advertising tobacco products is severely restricted in content and banned altogether from television. More and more service providers — Delta Air Lines and McDonald's restaurants in the past month — are forbidding smoking by customers. Last year, because of a vicious price war, domestic profits fell 46 per cent.



Philip Morris could cut its arts sponsorship in New York

But it is still an enormously profitable industry. Philip Morris, RJ Reynolds, Brown & Williamson, Lorillard, American Tobacco and Liggett had a combined US operating profit last year of $5.2 billion. This is expected to bounce back to almost $6 billion this year.

As smoking has declined in America and western Europe, the companies have concentrated on foreign markets where earnings are rising. By next year, half of Philip Morris' profits, and 40 per cent of RJR's, will come from overseas. Their sights are now set on emerging markets: China, other Asian nations, eastern Europe, South America.

Until now, analysts thought the plan was to hold the line at home until the developing world kicked in, then accept that the domestic market would slip steadily. Things looked grim for cigarette makers in the summer as congressional committees were shown leaked documents indicating the companies might be manipulating the level of nicotine in their products to increase addiction. As a result, the threat of huge-stakes "class action" cases against the makers looms larger than ever.

Meanwhile, shareholders at cigarette companies are worried that their investments may be undermined by top management that appeared weak. At Philip Morris, Michael Miles — a non-smoker — resigned as chief executive in June; he was replaced by Geoffrey Bible — a smoker — who promised an aggressive defence of tobacco.

Hundreds of lobbyists have been hired to pester lawmakers at both state and national levels. The industry is also spending millions of dollars on newspaper and television advertisements opposing anti-smoking referenda across the US. Campaign contributions by tobacco companies to local and national politicians are soaring. The figure for federal candidates alone has exceeded $3 million.

Philip Morris's jobs threat in New York forms part of this new pattern of fighting every issue. So many multinationals have left the city in recent years that the move might just succeed in scuppering the Bill, or at least removing some of its teeth.



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Higher Inc. Inc	372.80	390.70	- 0.40	4.06
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	126.60	130.30	- 0.10	8.72
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	95.73	90.54	- 0.02	8.32
Nth America	253.70	271.00	- 1.20	...
Far Eastern	74.56	79.28	- 0.72	0.52
Europe	261.00	277.30	- 0.30	0.76
Brit Exempt	67.07	71.36	- 0.06	5.20
Brit Fndmtls Acc	99.64	101.00	- 0.10	4.08
Brit Fndmtls Inc	71.71	74.00	- 0.08	5.08
Global Opps	91.32	96.57	- 0.30	0.27
Balanced Acc	51.50	54.70	- 0.02	2.96
Balanced Inc	50.44	53.60	- 0.02	2.96

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Holdenhurst Rd. Bournemouth 0345 717 373

High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	124.10	131.70	- 0.50	8.07
Hirth Inc Equity	152.50	162.10	- 0.40	4.23
Worldwide Bond	256.70	272.30	- 1.30	2.96
Capital Growth				
American Growth	277.10	295.70	- 1.40	...
Asian Pacific	354.60	377.30	- 0.45	...
Assets & Earnings	249.90	264.60	- 1.00	2.69
Comdty & Energy	125.10	133.10	- 0.60	2.21
Euro Capital Inc	125.40	134.10	- 0.90	2.72
General	131.50	139.80	- 1.00	2.42
Japan	130.40	138.70	- 0.80	...
Mastertrust	138.60	149.20	- 0.70	1.16
UK Growth Dist	119.50	127.50	- 2.50	2.29
US Emerging Cos	130.70	139.40	- 1.20	...
Income & Growth	360.90	383.60	- 1.50	3.26
Extnal	67.04	71.37	- 0.36	2.39
International	116.60	124.10	- 0.90	0.91
Dividend & Growth	57.66	61.36	- 0.22	3.57
Global Growth & Inc	68.72	70.03	- 0.06	2.77

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St. Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733

UK Small Cos	110.78	117.49	...	...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace. Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 333 388

Aberdeen Portfolio	76.58	79.91	- 0.11	0.92
Amer Inc & Growth	42.32	44.69	- 0.12	0.04
Cash	50.16	50.16	- 0.01	4.84
European	109.20	110.83	- 0.50	...
Exempt	97.20	110.41	- 0.10	7.78
Extra Income	49.59	52.82	- 0.21	4.50
Far East Emrg Ecn	119.50	126.80	- 0.30	0.49
Fixed Interest	92.00	23.46	- 0.16	7.82
Fund Inv Tst	175.40	187.30	- 0.40	0.99
Japan	190.40	202.00	- 0.40	...
Latin American	72.26	84.71	- 0.35	0.77
Pacific	74.88	80.11	- 0.01	0.33
Property Share	64.31	68.45	- 0.30	1.91
UK Emerging Cos	82.57	88.79	- 0.54	1.85
UK Growth	74.32	79.47	- 0.01	2.55
World Growth	71.79	76.63	- 0.15	0.70
Ethical	69.21	67.21	- 0.87	2.77
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	48.82	48.57	- 0.04	7.72

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Ravleigh Rd. Hutton. Essex 0277 698 336

Uk Equity Income	93.53	98.59	- 0.15	2.98
UK Equity Growth	93.35	98.05	- 0.14	2.26
European	86.07	90.60	- 0.10	0.73
Nth American	94.30	99.29	- 0.46	1.15
Far Eastern	73.56	76.28	- 0.72	0.52
Money	99.49	99.49	...	5.46
Fixed Interest	98.35	92.71	- 0.05	8.99
Index Linked Gilt	93.75	97.42	- 0.06	1.36

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
25-31 Andrew Square. Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3222

British Growth	65.90	70.10	- 0.25	2.72
British Income	75.47	80.25	- 0.17	3.44
Select Portfolio	86.14	91.63	- 0.03	...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0452 305 958

Amity Income	71.54	75.00	- 0.46	2.45
Income Builder Inc	64.12	68.21	- 0.05	2.90

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 418 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	215.20	220.00	+ 0.30	3.55
Capital	386.70	413.30	+ 1.40	1.67
Balanced	645.30	668.90	- 1.60	2.89
Accumulator	111.66	112.48	- 5.00	3.15
Income Trusts				
American Income	46.22	49.40	- 0.15	3.72
High Income	373.40	398.10	+ 0.10	3.67
Equity Income	210.70	225.20	+ 0.10	3.80
High Yield	231.60	247.60	- 0.20	3.78
Gwt Securities	32.19	33.99	- 0.03	5.35
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.70	145.00	+ 0.20	0.41
European Growth	33.61	35.85	- 0.06	0.08
International	157.50	168.00	+ 0.20	0.22
Japan	245.80	253.40	- 0.90	0.01
Pacific	230.60	246.40	+ 0.20	0.02
Sect of Interest	398.30	424.80	- 1.10	0.44
Worldw Asset Val	47.47	50.47	- 0.01	0.20
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	490.80	524.60	- 0.40	2.48
Conv & Gilt	42.34	45.26	- 0.02	4.94
Smaller Cos	162.30	173.40	- 0.50	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	153.50	164.00	- 0.40	1.24
Recovery	130.20	139.10	- 0.50	1.68
Intl Mdt & Cdty	139.50	149.00	- 0.10	0.42
Overs Earnings	329.40	352.10	- 0.30	2.06
Technology	152.00	162.40	- 0.50	0.01
UK Special Sits	422.40	451.50	- 2.50	2.00

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

Clifford Dir Pens	93.98	97.61	...	1.45
Founds Pens Fnd	60.31	62.65	...	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
77 South Audley St. London W1Y 6DX
0171 600 0033

Capital	67.05	71.32	- 0.08	1.95
International	61.44	65.36	...	...

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court. Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

America	279.70	301.10	- 2.10	...
Bond	104.70	110.20	- 0.70	7.64
Brit Smlr Cos	96.73	102.90	- 0.70	1.36
Conv & Gen	63.85	68.14	- 0.27	5.44
Energy	145.80	154.70	- 1.40	0.22
Europe	223.40	238.00	- 0.50	0.47
Euro Smlr Cos	103.20	110.10	+ 0.30	0.95
Income Gwth	325.90	347.80	- 1.40	4.54
Japan	325.10	356.00	- 2.20	...
Pacific	111.20	119.20	- 0.20	0.72
UK Smlr Cos	50.12	53.74	- 0.32	0.91
Japan Fd	765.90	788.10	- 2.50	...
Mngd Fd	163.40	173.80	...	3.11

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St. London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673

Brit & Overs	275.60	291.20	- 2.50	1.29
Capital Gwth	107.50	112.20	- 1.10	2.36
Wwide Opps	179.53	189.00	- 1.20	0.42

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway. Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544

Balanced Trusts				
Bar Inv Fd Inc	327.30	341.00	- 1.20	2.82
European Bd Inc	87.47	90.54	- 0.29	6.18
Exempt	70.10	74.77	- 0.28	6.42
Financial	68.07	72.80	- 0.14	2.85
500.0	421.80	461.80	- 3.50	2.36
General	254.30	272.00	- 0.70	2.74
Property	6.07	6.07	...	6.07
Trustee	170.20	182.10	- 0.20	2.44
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00	...	4.57
Extra Income	109.60	117.20	- 0.60	4.22
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.81	56.47	- 0.28	9.01
Income	494.90	529.30	- 1.20	4.23
Income Builder	59.55	63.35	- 0.29	4.97
Intl Income	61.86	65.43	- 0.67	3.61
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	109.70	117.00	- 0.10	2.74
Leisure	114.50	122.50	- 0.40	1.29
Recovery	389.20	416.30	- 1.10	2.53
Smlr Cos Inc	41.43	44.32	- 0.29	1.86
Special Sits	262.00	280.30	- 0.50	1.61
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	123.60	130.60	- 0.80	0.04
Asia Acc	243.30	260.20	- 0.70	0.41
Aust Inc	151.50	161.20	- 3.60	3.03
Euro Gwth Inc	142.30	151.00*	- 0.70	0.63
Japan & Gen Inc	188.90	197.90	- 1.50	...
Japan Spec Sits	97.25	103.11	- 0.59	...
Univ Tech Inc	77.80	82.68	- 0.77	0.31
Worldwide	167.80	178.20	- 1.0	0.59

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4AQ
081 658 9002

American Growth	88.81	94.44	- 0.59	...
Amer Smlr Cos	123.60	132.90	- 0.20	...
Cash Trust	50.19	50.19	...	4.10
Convertibles	54.44	58.22*	- 0.27	5.40
Eastern	293.70	316.20	+ 0.60	0.10
Equity Income	84.40	90.30	- 0.20	0.22
European Growth	278.10	296.00	- 0.60	1.00
Europe	210.80	225.00	- 0.60	0.60
German Growth	98.19	72.64	- 0.46	0.70
Global Bond	60.25	64.30	- 0.25	5.90
Global Growth	123.50	130.80	- 0.30	...
Japan Growth	210.80	225.20	- 0.90	...
Japan Smaller	185.60	197.60	- 0.30	...
Korea Trust	87.25	93.40	- 0.38	...
Portfolio	129.70	135.90*	- 0.10	1.60
UK Growth	82.50	87.76	- 0.32	1.80
Uk Smaller Cos	59.41	62.48	- 0.40	1.50
Select Managers	71.93	77.04	- 0.15	1.10

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
20-24 Old Street. London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3000

Intl Growth Port Inc	76.50	81.48	- 0.90	...
Special Oppor Inc	56.20	59.88	- 0.18	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Gilspur St. London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441

Special Sits	173.20	185.20	- 1.20	1.42
Dividend	79.49	85.05*	- 1.25	3.92
Int Gth & Inc	209.40	219.70	- 2.40	2.69
Uk & Gen	91.59	94.49*	- 0.72	1.52
Fund of Funds	94.72	98.15*	- 0.35	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street. Glasgow G2 6HR
041 225 6020

Balanced Growth	100.51	106.36*	- 0.47	1.83
Smaller Cos	99.00	105.80	- 0.54	3.15
Higher Yield	41.85	44.20*	- 0.15	3.39
American Gth Inc	69.51	73.25	- 0.52	...
European Growth	129.90	137.55*	- 0.08	0.04
Global Bond Inc	25.71	27.15	- 0.22	5.57
Mixed Ptfolio Inc	41.12	43.50*	- 0.16	1.07
Int Spec Opps	115.71	122.44	- 0.43	0.10
Pacific Gwth	135.10	142.97	- 0.26	...
Formerly LAS				
UK General	72.56	76.78	- 0.25	1.93
Japan	68.88	69.69	- 0.38	...
Glit & Fixed Int	91.21	93.07*	- 0.51	8.11

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
177 Fenchurch St. London EC3M 5AL
071 488 7216

Short Dated Gilt	63.16	63.97	- 0.20	6.66

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5000

Environ	145.90	155.30	- 0.80	1.73
Uk Growth	154.50	164.40	- 0.90	2.43
Uk Income	122.40	130.70*	- 0.70	4.86

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

Can Gen Dist	176.00	188.60	- 0.10	2.12
Can Income Dist	162.30	108.40	- 0.50	4.61
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.48	40.35*	- 0.06	9.74

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
65 Fenchurch Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Exmr 061 236 9685 Dlgs 061 236 5362

American & Gen	145.90	154.40*	- 0.60	...
European Inc	74.49	79.49*	- 0.32	0.81
Smaller Cos Inc	79.05	83.95*	- 0.03	2.23
Growth	141.20	146.90*	- 1.20	2.42
Income & Growth	170.40	404.20	- 1.20	4.11
Japan & Gen	79.82	82.51	- 0.53	...
Master Portfolio	1,100.42	1,104.30	- 51.00	1.98
Special Sits	90.03	95.76	- 1.24	2.40
High Yield	112.36	117.75	- 1.04	4.45

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House. Festival Square. Edinburgh
031 225 4477 Dealing: 0800 333 501

American Gwth Tst	34.71	37.17*	- 0.44	0.27
Cash Income	50.51	50.51	...	5.04
European Gwth	36.20	40.70	- 0.10	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	25.98	27.39*	- 0.04	4.55
Intnl Gwth	30.30	32.29*	- 0.29	0.17
Japan Gwth	24.93	30.91	- 0.13	...
Managed Tst Inc	46.19	48.40	- 0.14	4.03
Oriental Opps Inc	147.40	158.00	- 1.90	...
Property Shares	37.95	40.58	- 0.54	7.41
Smaller Cos	30.75	32.74	- 0.54	1.95
UK Growth Tst	25.46	25.62	- 0.20	2.44
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	29.57	31.40	- 0.29	1.81
Cap Hse UK Inc	63.90	68.43	- 0.28	2.56
Exempt (£)	29.84	30.70	...	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	134.70	144.00*	- 1.10	1.72
Foundation	97.72	93.60*	- 0.75	2.94
German	49.30	52.15	- 0.40	...
High Income	69.47	74.50*	- 0.38	5.86
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	101.70	109.70	...	1.07
Mngd Ptfolio Acc	104.40	247.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	79.72	85.29*	- 0.35	4.14

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue. London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0100

Cazenove Portfolio	76.72	84.04	+ 0.10	2.27
American Portfolio	98.78	91.41	- 0.17	1.07
European Portfolio	90.64	96.47*	- 0.15	0.96
Japanese Portfolio	69.50	73.95	- 0.24	...
Pacific Portfolio	143.51	154.32	- 0.21	0.75
UK Inc & Growth	71.09	76.29*	- 0.33	3.55
Utility & Bond	53.39	53.95	+ 0.18	6.03

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey. London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

UK General Tst	84.54	88.46	- 0.01	3.06

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd. London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7047

Intl Growth	131.05	142.75	...	...
Uk Income	104.81	114.58	...	5.255

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

American Unit	70.79	75.05		2.23
Beck. Blo-Tech	28.17	29.86	-	...
Accum Ethical Tst	152.30	160.41	-	1.72
City Fin Assets	67.41	71.71*	-	1.10
City Fin America	70.05	74.51	-	...
City Fin Eur Opps	67.78	72.10	-	0.49
City Fin Japan	67.78	154.96	-	...
Friars Hse Cap	225.74	239.93	-	1.54
Friars Hse Inc	193.30	205.64	-	3.05
Buckley Wrld Gth	134.68	143.28*	-	0.09
Fairmnt Cap Gth	140.90	149.82	-	...
Fairmnt Inc & Gth	107.05	112.68	-	1.60
Fairmount Intl	156.01	166.33	-	...
City Fin Pcfic Int	84.94	89.45	-	4.21

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap. London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144
Emerging Markets 59.97 62.25 - 0.16

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrows Plain. Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

American Gwth	53.66	57.41	- 0.20	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	35.86	38.38	- 0.04	0.38
Dragon Growth	72.75	77.84	+ 0.03	0.26
Equity High Inc	77.38	82.80*	- 0.05	4.08
European Gwth	77.71	82.76	- 0.03	0.44
Exempt	28.56	30.55	- 0.04	...
General Equity	77.42	82.14	- 0.18	2.67
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.13	24.39*	- 0.02	8.45
Japan Growth	53.41	57.12	- 0.31	...
Pakistan Growth	41.58	44.50	- 0.04	0.61
Pen Sm Cos Inc	30.15	32.07	- 0.19	1.11
Retirement Inc	24.49	26.19	...	5.56
Special Sits	35.69	38.17	- 0.09	1.52
UK & Overseas	44.27	49.22	- 0.10	1.16

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime. Kent ME4 4YY
0634 895 000

Capital	61.75	66.07*	- 0.10	2.41
Income	56.14	60.04*	- 0.21	4.80

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court. 3 Bedford Park.
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9855
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	147.69	156.57*	- 0.69	5.72
Fixed & Convertible	28.24	30.08*	- 0.28	7.74
Monthly Inc Plus	40.37	40.22	- 0.24	9.10
Preference Share	44.79	47.69*	- 0.17	7.70
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	115.39	122.76*	- 0.62	7.61
Managed Fund	63.69	67.79*	- 0.15	2.62
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.75	41.22	- 0.31	1.65
UK & General	72.37	76.96*	- 0.09	2.49
UK Growth	126.54	138.02	- 0.16	2.47
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	130.07	191.56	- 0.05	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	136.76	145.49	- 0.46	...
Global Bond	74.04	79.76*	- 0.22	6.55
Japan Growth	126.63	134.71	- 0.68	...
North Amer Gwth	150.10	159.68	- 0.64	...
Oriental Growth	70.11	85.22	- 0.15	...
Worldwide Growth	61.72	65.66*	- 0.27	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.46	91.46*	- 0.01	4.39
Homemaker Fund	73.49	75.09	- 0.11	1.93
Quilter Fund	123.17	131.03	- 0.11	2.99

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lyman Way, Stevenage. Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 940

Growth Inc	54.95	58.45	- 0.07	3.10
High Income	31.45	33.45*	- 0.07	4.50
Japan	37.09	39.40	- 0.23	...
Smaller Cos Inc	30.01	31.92	- 0.25	2.30
Smaller Cos	31.44	33.46	- 0.25	2.30
North American	32.00	34.04	- 0.14	0.30
European	35.17	37.41	- 0.03	0.40

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd. London Bridge SE1 1NA
071 407 5966

Consistent UT	39.47	41.64*		3.41

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St. Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

Growth	136.50	145.30	- 0.80	2.02
Income	67.43	71.74	- 0.28	5.15
European	68.75	62.51	- 0.28	0.95
Recovery	140.60	149.60	- 1.60	1.86

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill. London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

Equity Dist	769.50	783.60*	...	4.08

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Ravleigh Rd. Hutton. Brentwood, Essex
0277 698 700

Fellowship Tst	86.58	70.63	- 0.32	1.36
Income	223.40	237.60	- 0.90	4.80
Smaller Cos	145.40	154.60	- 0.70	0.86
Int Portfolio	74.04	78.76	- 0.38	1.52
High Income Port	64.26	68.36	- 0.06	5.07

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate. London EC2M 3XS
071 480 0177

Euro Small Cos	£15.34	£15.70	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£13.01	£13.27	...	...
Uk Small Cos	£17.64	£18.39	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.73	£16.19	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street. London EC2A 2BL
071 377 9819

Disc Inc	201.60	212.20	...	2.53

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25 Ravelston Terrace. Edinburgh 031 315 2000

European Gwth	250.50	273.50	- 0.90	1.02
New Asia	223.20	239.40	- 1.20	...
Japan Growth	128.70	136.90*	- 0.20	...
Jap Smllr Co	541.20	575.30	- 2.30	...
Nth Amer	240.10	254.90	- 1.10	0.93
Skilfrd Asia Pac Mt	125.40	132.90	- 0.50	2.34
UK Inc & Gwth	*198.60*	*212.00**	*- 0.60*	*2.84*

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road. Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	131.60	140.00	- 0.70	4.01
Uk Nth Am Inc	141.40	150.40	- 0.90	4.79
Uk Pref & Fixed Int	55.11	58.50	- 0.28	5.36
Envrnmnt Opps	78.75	83.78	- 0.49	1.12

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Hanoverlet Terrace. Edinburgh
0345 090 526

American	117.60	124.80	- 0.40	1.40
Convertibles	30.26	31.53*	- 0.12	7.43
Equity Income	119.40	126.90*	+ 0.20	4.18
EuroFund	42.99	45.59	+ 0.06	0.44
Financial	43.95	46.61*	- 0.01	1.72
Growth & Inc	214.10	221.70	- 0.10	3.32
High Dlt	146.30	155.40	- 0.20	4.85
International	345.60	420.20	+ 0.10	0.12
Int Cap Inc	92.91	99.10*	+ 0.09	3.02
Latin American	90.55	96.21	- 0.58	...
Pacific	91.04	96.77*	- 0.76	...
Preference Share	21.33	22.66*	- 0.09	7.28
Tokyo	259.20	253.80*	- 1.10	...
UK Smaller Cos	219.80	233.50	- 1.40	1.18

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
28 Ely Place. London EC1N 6RL
071 242 0243

Elcon Trust	204.54	218.75	- 0.69	1.07

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Garden. London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

Endurance Fd	199.60	212.30	...	0.51

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St. Aylesbury. Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 450

European	75.21	79.17	+ 0.27	1.77
Ethical Tst	44.57	46.92	- 0.05	1.13
Far Eastern	311.44	327.83	- 0.74	1.50
High Income	125.64	132.25	- 0.16	4.88
Intl Growth	119.65	124.89	- 0.17	1.30
North American	109.21	111.80*	- 0.10	1.14
Pelican	109.98	115.77	+ 0.11	3.38
Smaller Cos	69.70	72.32	- 0.34	2.24
Special Sits	85.29	89.78*	- 0.06	2.39
Tst of Inv Tsts	191.36	180.91	- 0.06	1.46

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	209.28	218.09	- 1.64	1.37
Smaller Cos Acc	366.28	381.54*	- 2.87	1.37
Recovery	52.04	55.15	- 0.38	1.16
Recovery Acc	93.07	95.28	- 0.70	1.16

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

Balanced	105.36	112.08	- 0.27	6.05
Capital Growth	80.27	86.08*	- 0.29	...
Fd of Inv Trs	44.48	47.48	- 0.04	0.61
High Income	44.58	47.78*	- 0.04	9.63
Warrant	58.50	63.68*	- 0.21	...
Zero Preference	34.62	36.73	+ 0.02	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street. Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

Family Asset Dt	73.02	77.68*		2.49
Family Income Tst	86.13	46.19*	- 0.40	5.72
Family Trust	83.91	89.27*		1.08
United Charities	240.90	262.50*	- 2.00	2.71

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd. Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Call free Private Clients: 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		4.50
Bond Funds				
Glit & Fxd Int	25.95	26.10	- 0.14	9.26

FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Intl Bond	27.00	28.08	- 0.02	5.86
Income Funds				
High Income	24.19	25.65*	- 0.13	5.46
Income Plus	105.80	115.30*	- 0.90	3.81
Amer Eq Inc	45.43	48.11	- 0.34	0.00
European Income	41.05	43.68	- 0.03	2.23
Far East Inc	61.80	65.52	- 0.24	2.41
Global Convertible	22.49	23.85*	- 0.06	3.78

Futures inspire a rally

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Ntl	388 †	+3	...	5.0	13.0
314	233	Allied Irish	239 †	+4	...	5.3	9.2
278½	179½	Aus New Z	182	-4	...	5.1	27.8
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	2750	-50	...		
319	246	Bk of Ireland	268	...	...		
347	172½	Bank Scotland	206	...	...	4.9	7.8
640	487	Barclays	563 †	+4	...	3.1	16.8
37	13½	Carlisle	25	-1	...	2.2	10.8
630½	449	Cater Allen	514	-6	...	3.2	...
180	130	Cattles	139 †	+1	...	6.8	10.6
2628½	1543½	Chase Manh	2109½	-15½	...	4.9	13.1
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2862½	...	...		
289½	208	Close Bros	210 †	+6	...	4.5	...
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£125½	+3½	...	0.5	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£273½	+12½	...	2.5	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	69	...	...	2.7	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1327½	-8½	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	476	-2	22.0	5.8	13.7
1113	660	HSBC	682 †	+1	...	4.5	9.9
1133	680	HSBC HK	703 †	+3	...	4.4	10.3
423	221	Hambros	225	-26	...	8.3	9.2
449	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	5.2	12.2
170	114	King Shaxson	114	-7	...	9.9	11.3
693	426	Kleinwort Ben	431 †	-7	...	5.6	7.6
660	519	Lloyds	547 †	+7	...	5.3	10.8
139	95	Lon Scot Bk	117	...	...	3.8	17.8
620½	479	Nat Aust Bk	483	-10	...	3.7	10.3
622	421	Nat West	477 †	-2	...	5.3	8.9
573	415	Provident	500 †	-2	...	4.4	15.9
70	53	Rea Bros	64 †	-1	...	1.0	17.9
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	403	-2	...	3.7	18.2
1524	1080	Schroders	1285 †	-50	...	1.8	11.8
397½	223	Stand Chart	254 †	+4	...	3.1	8.7
201	197	TSB	217	+3	...		10.9
199	106	Union	106 †	-2	...	5.3	9.8
1012	509	Warburg SG	580	+11	...	4.7	7.0
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9193½	-187½	...		
260	194	Westpac	215	...	...	2.3	...
390	275	Wintrust	375	-3	...	4.7	18.4

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	566	+4	...	4.9	13.8
619	485	Bass	516	+3	...	5.1	13.5
299	250	Boddington	255 †	-1	...	4.1	17.5
459	338	Bulmer (HP)	426	+4	...	3.2	24.4
196	168	Burtonwood Brw	192	-1	...	3.3	16.0
161	142	Eldridge P 'A'	168	+3	...	2.8	22.6
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	54	-1	...	5.2	∞
463	388	Fullr Sm 'A'	388	...	...	2.5	16.0
506	375	Grand Met	405	+5	...	4.1	17.6
511	399	Greenalls Grp	400	+1	...	3.9	15.7
584	452	Greene King	519	...	...	3.1	14.4
542	428	Guinness	457½	+4½	...	3.6	15.1
265	229	Hardy Hanson	264	...	...	4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	157	...	...	3.2	14.1
457	353	Highland Distl	436	-9	...	1.9	20.7
3773	3125	Holt J	3650 †	-40	...	1.7	20.5
246	127	Macallan-Glen	246 †	...	...	0.7	56.6
695	365	Maclay Mrtn 'A'	695	...	...	1.7	28.6
265	195	Mansfield	223	...	...	2.5	13.6
314	256	Marston Thmp	301	+2	...	2.8	15.6
646	544	Matthew Clark	632 †	+2	...	3.6	14.1
250	113	Merrydown W.	114 †	...	...	2.7	...
545	463	Morland	488	...	...	2.6	16.3
10½	8	Paramount	8 †	...	...	3.1	∞
274	209	Regent Inns	268	-1	...	2.6	∞
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1187½	...	...	2.3	19.4
591	477	Scot & New	481	+4	...	4.4	14.3
190	142	Taunton Cider	160	...	...	5.2	12.2
306	239	Vaux Group	246	-1	...	4.9	15.8
421	324½	Wetherspoon JD	421	+12	...	1.3	27.8
617	494	Whitbread	527½	-3½	...	4.5	15.3
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	548	-1	...	3.0	15.4
180	148	Yates Bros	167	...	...	3.2	20.6
535	483	Young 'A'	500	+2	...	3.8	19.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	150	...	...	4.4	10.9
27	12	Albrighton	17 †	...	...	3.2	16.3
200	148	Allen	165	...	...	4.0	19.5
164	99	Amec	105	-3	...	3.6	59.7
454	333	Ashtead	436 †	-1	...	1.6	22.6
165	107	Attwoods	115	...	...	5.4	...
363	234	BPB Ind	307	+5	...	3.3	20.7
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	123	...	...	3.2	23.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35 †	...	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	28	-2	...	7.8	3.4
60	38½	Bardon	40 †	...	...	6.2	...
292	164	Barratt Devs	164 †	...	...	4.6	∞
169	122½	Beazer Homes	128	...	...	5.3	∞
304	188	Bellway	188	-3	...	4.1	17.7
59	40½	Bellwinch	40½	...	...		
244	125	Beresford Intl	192	...	...		
573	381	Berkeley Gp	389	...	...	2.2	16.2
215	119	Best Bros	180	-2	...	1.9	9.0
93	60	Blockleys	67	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	286 †	+8	...	4.9	20.3
355	260	Boot (Henry)	260	-10	...	3.1	13.2
84	35	Brandon Hire	76 †	...	...	2.5	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	95 †	...	...	6.1	27.2
154	138	Br Dredging	140	...	...	5.1	16.5
99	78	Brit Fittings	91	-2	...	3.1	...
197½	125	Bryant	125 †	...	...	5.0	14.7
145½	111½	CALA	138 †	...	...	3.0	∞
409	321	CRH	380 †	-2	...	2.8	17.3
70	31	Caledonian Bty	43	...	...		
42	20½	Costain	22	...	...		
186	125	Countryside	126	...	...	4.1	28.0
120	85	Cres. Nicholson	86	...	...	2.3	16.0
140	100	Crossley	113 †	...	...	3.8	13.6
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	27½	...	...	1.7	...
350	273	Epwin	318 †	...	...	2.1	18.9
82	57	Erith	72	-1	...	2.5	40.1
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	13.4
60	34	Galliford	34	...	...	3.7	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	97 †	...	...	3.5	...
1023	533	Gleeson (MJ)	608	...	...	1.9	16.6
216	168	Graham Grp	172 †	-1	...	3.3	16.4
169	130	Hewden-Stuart	140½	+½	...	2.5	21.6
82	46	Hewetson	71	...	...	2.3	...
473	311	Heywd Wm	311 †	-1	...	5.4	17.5
144	87	Higgs & Hill	87	...	...	3.6	...
41	27	How Gp	35 †	-3	...	2.7	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	26 †	...	...	3.8	36.3
100	67	Ibstock	67	...	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...		
135	104	Keller	111 †	-2	...	3.6	13.9
428	204	Laing (J)	208 †	...	...	5.4	18.8
764	904	Laing & 4% Cv Pf	905	...	...		
145	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.3
173	63	Lovell (Y)	66	...	...		
405	313	Mandess	313 †	-6	...	4.0	15.2
217½	132	Marley	133 †	...	...	3.9	15.8
155	126	Marshalls	135	...	...	4.4	15.5
253	196	Maunders (J)	229	-3	...	3.0	16.5
321	189	McAlpine (A)	188 †	-3	...	4.3	22.6
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	58	...	...	1.1	...
564	372	Meyer Int	374	-1	...	3.6	15.8
159½	94	Mowlem (J)	103	...	...	2.4	...
359	96	NSM	104½	...	...	...	12.0
196	146	Newman Tnks	157 †	-2	...	5.1	19.8
379½	225	Persimmon	225 †	...	...	5.1	16.0
27	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...		
1900	1450	Pochins	1631½	...	...	2.5	∞
148	128	Prowting	128	...	...	3.3	20.3
1099	405	RMC Gp	920 †	-5	...	2.9	19.0
136	57	Raine Ind	57	-8	...	6.8	∞
40	21	Rattrns	21	...	...		
640	466	Redland	483	-1	...	6.6	24.9
139	70	Roskel	103	...	...	4.3	5.3
165½	119	Rugby Group	122 †	-1	...	3.5	15.4
61	51	Secure Retire	51	-2	...		
67	50	Swfld-Bve	64 †	-1	0.7	1.5	30.1
230	155	Sharpe & Fisher	169 †	-2	...	3.1	12.4
285	223	Sheffield Insl	256 †	...	...	2.7	20.6
365	233	Sherriff Hldgs	365	...	...	1.5	24.3
158	94	Shorco	155 †	...	...	4.4	14.5
345	105	Smart (J)	230	...	...	4.6	16.5
1½		Starmin	1½	...	...		
276	123	Tarmac	125 †	+1	...	9.5	...
172	152	Tay Homes	152	...	...	4.9	16.3
153	116	Taylor Woodrw	117 †	-1	...	1.9	28.6
760	543	Tilbury Dougls	543 †	...	...	7.6	41.6
68	30	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	29.2
336	274	Travis Perkins	278 †	...	...	3.7	17.1
40	15	Trenchrwood	15	...	...		
40½	23	Try Group	23 †	-1	...	2.7	...
32	21	Tudor	22	...	...	1.4	...
117	90	Vibroplant	107½	...	...	4.2	20.4
159	127½	Walnhomes	124	...	...	4.2	13.4
74	50	Ward Hldgs	51 †	...	...	1.2	...
63	33	Waterhouse	56	...	...		
545	450	Watts Blake	545	+3	...	2.9	20.4
225	151	Westbury	153	...	...	4.3	16.8
7	3	Wiggins	5½	...	...		
571	334	Wilson Bowdn	335 †	...	...	3.5	14.9
259	171	Wilson (C)	176 †	+4	...	3.0	14.6
249	134	Wimpey G	134 †	...	...	4.9	20.0
30	16	YBM	20	...	...		

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	705	-5	...		
478	253	Adam & Harvey	475	-3	...	3.9	6.5
83	38	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	14.2
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.4	...
140	86	Auto Sec	89	-3	...	...	41.5
162	99	BET Ord	102½	+2	...	6.0	17.1
195	115	BNB Res	186	...	...	3.3	21.7
255	175	BPP	214 †	...	...	5.2	15.3
146	136	BSM	136 †	-1	...	5.9	11.6
235	190	Barbour Index	190	...	...	3.6	∞
1½	1	Black & Edg	1	...	...		
225	159	Brit Data Mgt	169	-1	...	4.1	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
38	28	Brooks Service	65	-1	...	2.9	...
117½	82	CRT Gp	90½	...	...	4.4	22.7
238	158	Capita Group	164 †	...	...	2.1	20.9
57	30	Carter Pie	30	...	...	4.6	10.2
36½	7½	Chiltern Capital	34½	...	...		
35	55	Christie	55	...	...		
423	292	Chubb Sec	303	...	...	2.6	18.6
65	41	Corp Services	59	...	...	0.5	22.2
57	48	Coutts Cnsltg	51	...	...	1.0	...
170	140	Dart	152	+2	...	3.0	16.2
276	212	Davis Service	227 †	-3	...	4.5	15.2
154	98	EW Fact	98	...	...	6.4	7.2
34	18½	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.8
354	261	Hays	281	+1	...	2.8	18.9
280	220	Hogg Robinson	225	...	...	3.8	15.7
30	18	Holmes Protectn	25	...	...	...	1.5
305½	240	Hutch Whamp	286	+4½	...	1.9	21.4
2416½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1815½	+6½	...	5.7	2.0
609	395	Inchcape	458	+1	...	4.6	13.7
145	136	JBA Hldgs	140 †	...	...	2.1	14.2
414	254	Johnson Clnm	288	...	...	5.3	10.3
8	4	Lep	5½	...	...		
194	141½	Mitie Gp	182	...	...	1.5	21.3
1937	1156½	Manpower	1837½	+125	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	109 †	...	...	2.6	26.8
143	90	Parity	136 †	+2	...	2.1	35.0
115	51	Perma	84	...	...	8.0	...
99½	60½	Prmdliot	69 †	...	...	0.7	16.1
415	290	RCO	300	...	...	4.3	10.6
139	97	REA	128	-1	...	5.9	48.8
177	104	Reed Executive	169 †	...	1.0	0.7	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	156 †	...	...	4.5	∞
229	199½	Rentokil	217 †	+4	...	1.7	22.3
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	...	2.7	20.1
342	263	Salvesen (C)	282	+1	...	3.9	13.7
68	43	Scott Pickford	59	...	...	1.9	∞
17½	9	Select App	17½	...	...		
300	243	Serco Gp	300 †	...	...	1.5	23.3
130	25	Sherwd Crmp	95	-3	...		
133	97	Stretchley	97	...	...	4.1	15.2
146	100	Unipalm	111	...	...		
378	325	Warner Howrd	328	...	...	2.8	15.6
30½	20	Wills Gp	20 †	-½	...	3.4	11.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
150½	115½	Allied Colloids	121½	-½	...	2.4	19.5
1141	910	Amersham	930	-4	...	2.1	19.5
7½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...		
£40½	£30	BASF DM	£32½	+40½	...	7.5	...
273	202	BTP	294	...	...	4.3	18.6
£167½	£127½	Bayer DM50	£139½	+10½	...	6.5	...
171	97	Blagden	117	-1	...	1.6	54.7
131	48	Brent Chems	112½	...	...	4.3	...
344	311½	Brit Biotech	301	...	...		
7½	5	Caird Gp	5½	...	...	...	14.6
208	153	Canning (W)	184	-2	...	3.0	30.6
530	433	Courtaulds	436	+1	...	4.2	25.2
409	327	Croda	354 †	+1	...	3.0	15.2
135	95	Deelex	130	+7	...	4.5	14.3
281	235	Ellis & Everard	281 †	...	...	3.6	19.3
79	55½	Euro Colour	56½	...	...	2.5	20.2
390	337	Halstead (J)	386	...	...	2.5	...
222	156	Hickson	157 †	+1	...	6.4	14.1
£152½	£108½	Hoechst	£132½	+200½	...	5.5	...
350	152½	Holliday Chem	212	-6	...	2.6	17.3
863	728	ICI	815	-7	...	4.2	65.8
845	596	Laporte	694 †	-1	...	3.8	18.8
246	170	Leigh	204	-1	...	4.8	18.7
95	49	MTM	85 †	...	...	0.7	...
3447½	1012½	Norsk Hydro	2480½	+95	...	1.4	∞
625	461	Pearson Zch	498	...	...	3.2	13.0
595	416	Pearson Zch 'A'	473	...	...	3.4	12.5
250	181	Plysu	188	-1½	...	4.8	25.0
349	285	Porvair	255 †	...	...	1.9	22.1
66	31	Sutcliffe Speak	31	...	...	2.0	18.4
490	361	Wardle Storeys	395	...	...	5.5	20.7
827	570	Wolstenhm R	768 †	...	...	3.1	16.0
483	380	Yorks Chem	402 †	-5	...	2.6	17.3
306	258	Yule Catto	269 †	...	...	3.0	20.4
860	672	Zeneca	810 †	+2	...	4.3	16.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Allders	215	+3	...	3.5	16.8
430	315	Argos Plc	315 †	-1	...	2.7	16.6
102	58½	Ashley (Laura)	73	...	...	0.3	...
357	165	Asprey	165	...	...	6.6	8.2
343	176	Austin Reed	182	-1	...	2.8	13.5
468	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	139 †	-1	...	5.6	18.2
150	110	Bentalls	127 †	-1	...	2.0	44.0
165	36	Bettsvyle	44 †	+8	...	8.1	4.7
48	36	Blacks Leis	39 †	...	...	7.2	...
204	199½	Body Shop	217	-6	...	1.2	20.6
601	504	Boots	518	-1	...	3.6	20.4
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...		
282	210	Brown (N)	244	-4	...	2.0	23.4
74½	51	Burton	59½	+½	...	4.3	...
265	180	Casual	190	...	...	2.7	∞
520	388	Church	500 †	...	...	3.2	28.5
371	96	Clinton Cards	102	...	...	5.8	8.8
287	194	Coats Viyella	203	+2	...	5.2	17.3
170	96	Cntry Casuals	98	...	...	5.6	9.8
903	728	Courts Furnish	728 †	+2	...	1.0	37.1
220	155	Crown Eyc.	180	-5	...	6.6	7.8
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	87	-2	...	4.1	12.1
143	99½	Dewhirst (IJ)	129 †	-1	...	1.6	18.2
287	170	Dixons Grp	179	...	...	4.6	19.0
11½	7½	ERA Gp	7½	...	...		
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.8	...
580	350	Elys (Wimbldn)	380	...	...	3.8	∞
284	189	Essex Furn	189	...	...	2.5	30.2
326	237	Etam	305	-2	...	3.1	21.8
538	483	Fine Art Dev	483	-6	14.3	3.7	15.0
58	46	Fired Earth	58	...	...		
155	136	Foramaster	150	...	...	2.7	∞
278	124	French Conn	244	...	...	...	10.3
78	48	Gent SR	70 †	...	...	4.0	∞
122½	85	Goldsmiths Gp	120	...	...	1.1	21.5
658	524	GUS	572	+6	...	2.9	18.6
196	164	Hamleys	171	-1	...	3.4	16.5
31	21	Hampden Grp	25 †	...	...	5.0	...
70½	13½	Harbsline	18½	...	...	2.4	...
91	64	Honeycombe	65	...	...	4.8	9.5
227	178	Hse of Fraser	204 †	+1	...	3.1	18.4
211	173	Jacques Vert	190 †	...	...	3.0	16.7
572	477	Kingfisher	485 †	-1	...	3.9	12.7
86	61	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	...	2.6	13.9
435	345	Liberty	345 †	...	...	1.7	...
380	277	Lloyds Chem	300	-2	...	3.3	20.0
180	130	MFI	130 †	-2	...	3.8	16.3
460½	380	Marks Spencer	400	+1½	...	2.9	18.6
680	515	Menzies (John)	515 †	...	...	2.9	12.7
342	238	Moss Bros	282	...	...	2.7	15.0
375	214	Next	242	-1	...	3.5	14.7
91½	39	Oliver (G)	91½	...	...	...	28.3
335	255	Ordrome	285	+8	...	4.9	12.0
32	18½	Pentos	19½	...	...		
268	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
42	25	Rhino Grp	26	...	...	2.4	24.7
193	143	Rosebys	143 †	...	...	4.2	26.2
180	111	Sherwood Gp	111	...	...	3.3	11.0
132	99½	Sears	102½	+1	...	4.6	17.2
46	25½	Signet Group	25½	...	...	...	8.8
549	432	Smith WH	434 †	+2	...	4.4	22.4
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...		
252	189	Storehouse	197	+5	...	3.5	17.5
198	146	T & S Stores	177	-2	...	4.4	12.4
173	118	Tie Rack	118	-8	...	1.8	14.0
285	215	Time Products	283	...	...	4.6	18.0
132	105	Usher (Frank)	119 †	...	...	7.4	9.1
539	394	Vendome	505	+11	...	1.4	38.8
44	34	Vivat	40	...	...	3.9	10.4
70	34	WEW Group	35	...	...	2.1	25.8
108	62	Wassam	108 †	+2	...	3.3	38.1
129	88	Wickes	88	-1	...	1.9	19.7
99½	52	Wld of Leisure	88	+½	...	1.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	146 †	-1	...	3.9	15.5

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	101	ACT Group	101	...	...	6.5	9.4
296	243	Acal	279	...	...	3.8	17.5
650	478	Admiral	644 †	...	...	1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	186 †	-2	...	3.4	15.4
46	34	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	32.0
50	29½	Amstrad	29½	...	...	2.5	...
110	73	App Holo	101	...	...		
39	26	Arlen	33	-2	...		
94½	78	Astec	80½	...	...	1.4	16.5
281	162	Aston	162	...	...	2.3	13.1
283	239	Bbolds Hunter	265	...	...	4.6	∞
478	344	BICC	354	+9	...	6.9	21.9
526	411	Blick	415	...	...	3.1	18.7
1100	637½	Bodand	750	...	...		
380	289	Bowthorpe	292	+2	...	3.0	16.7
486	353½	BT	363½	+3½	...	5.7	12.7
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20½	...	...	1.5	14.7
79	55	Bundfield	74 †	...	...	3.1	31.8
543	386	Cable Wireless	389	-2	...	2.7	14.5
35½	24	Chloride	29½	...	...	...	74.8
283	263	CML Micro	268	...	...	2.8	17.1
200	105	Comptr People	105 ↓	-4	...	1.5	44.4
232	154	Cray Elect	178	...	...	1.6	∞
467	412	Critchley	438	-2	...	2.5	19.6
536	459	Delta	490 †	-2	...	3.9	20.1
663	446	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
580	400	Domino	538	...	...	2.0	22.5
78	64	Dowding Mills	64 †	...	...	5.0	23.4
1635	1220	Druck	1500	...	...	0.9	22.9
589	443	Electrocomponts	489½	+6	...	2.6	19.6
199½	135	El Data Pnt	138	-5	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	145 †	...	...	2.8	15.0
30½	21	Emess	24	...	...	0.4	...
451	348	Eurotherm	364 †	-1	...	1.2	21.6
212	160½	FKI	164½	...	...	2.8	19.0
656	502	Farnell Elect	504	+2	...	1.8	20.7
346	286	Fleet Tech	331 †	...	...	1.5	19.1
283	200	Forward Gp	200	-6	...	3.1	12.8
22	14½	Forward Tech	52	-3	...	0.6	...
353½	288½	GEC	285½	-1	...	4.7	14.4
191	119	Granby	143½	...	...	5.2	13.5
14½	10	Graseby	12½	...	...	2.3	∞
178	126	Ind Control	135 †	...	...	4.6	∞
310	209	Jones Stroud	248 †	...	...	3.2	16.6
145	99	Kalamazoo	127	-½	...	3.2	14.3
16	9	Kenbury	10	...	...		
396	355	Kenwood App	369	-1	...	3.0	17.7
282	221	Kewill Sys	257	...	...	2.4	∞
165	38	Kode	56	...	...	1.3	89.0
35	19	Laser-Scan	21	...	...		
143½	68	LBMS	103	...	...		
171	167	Life Sciences	131 †	...	...	3.6	13.0
321	266	Logica	304 †	-1	...	2.1	∞
75	45	LPA Ind	50	...	...	4.0	...
216	123	MR Data Mngt	129	+1	...	5.5	∞
723	400	Micro 4	430 †	...	...	5.8	12.1
281	230	Marvel Sys	265	...	...	2.0	20.6
1330	705	Micro Focus	805	-10	...	0.7	
176	124	Microgen	124	...	...	7.3	12.4
45	27	Microvitec	30½	-1½	...		
573	428	Misys	428	-5	...	2.4	∞
494	185	Mitel	222	...	...		
189	143	MMT Comp	176	...	...	3.0	18.0
398	282	MTL Inst	319	...	...	1.7	19.1
	113	Murray Elt	113	-1	...	2.2	...
2749½	2284½	NYNEX	2437½	...	...		
122	71	Nashonics	121	...	...	4.6	15.4
80	46	Newmark (L)	46	...	...		
438	229	Northumbria	435 ↓	...	...	0.7	20.4
108	47	Northamber	92	...	...	1.1	39.1
9½	4½	Oceonics	5	...	...		
31	24	Orbis	25	...	0.5	2.6	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	316	...	...	1.9	16.6
74	60	P & P	67	...	...	3.9	16.6
70	49½	Peek	70	...	...	5.4	19.9
235	173	Pegasus	173 †	...	...	3.6	17.4
£315	£250	Philips Fn 4%	£305	...	...	5.5	...
2175	1400	Philips Lmp	1915½	+8½	...	1.0	8.8
240	230	Photonelex	245	-5	...		
359	283	Pifco	357	...	...	1.6	24.5
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	340	...	...	1.7	23.3
140	70	Plessurac	130 †	...	...	3.6	...
129	100	Powerec	113	...	...	2.8	21.1
303	160	Pulse	262 †	-2	...	1.4	18.4
363	187	Racal Elect	242 †	-4	...	2.2	19.6
46	34	Radamec	41	...	...	5.1	12.7
87	44	Radius	44 †	...	...	1.0	...
169	73	Real Time	135	-7	...	3.5	∞
311	228	Renishaw	230 †	...	...	2.4	17.5
585	507	Sage Gp	611	-1	...	2.1	16.5
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	88	...	...	4.0	...
88	39½	Scanmatic	42	...	...	4.2	∞
256	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
432	310	Sema Gp	434 †	+2	...	1.0	25.6
270	245	Servomex	268 †	...	...	3.1	20.8
49	35	Silverminex	38 †	+1	...	2.7	22.6
94	63	Soundtracks	67	-1	...	4.5	15.2
3225	2265½	TDK	2790½	+6½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...		
201	51	TGI	99	...	...	2.5	18.5
120	80	Telemetrix	86	+1	...	1.5	11.0
308	191	Telspec	300 †	+7	...	1.0	38.2
1165	969	Thorn EMI	980 †	+2	...	4.3	20.0
230	133	Thorpe FW	213	...	...	1.9	∞
43	22	Total Systems	31	...	...	...	22.2
303	215	Tunstall	248	...	...	1.8	12.7
383	256	Unitech	344	-3	...	2.4	26.9
16	8½	Vesky	9	...	...		
31	21½	Vistec	23	...	...	2.2	12.5
212	153½	Vodafone	192	-2	...	1.8	25.1
483	305	Volex	420	...	...	5.4	18.4
203	60	Wakebourne	80	-1	...		
37	20	Western Selectn	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	258	Wholesale Fgs	258 †	...	11.7	5.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	713	+25	...	4.0	16.3
866	566	Eastern Elect	727	+28	...	4.0	15.9
477	357½	Hydro-Elect	321	+3½	...	4.9	10.1
753	534	London Elect	680	+29	...	4.1	10.4
871	635	Manweb	771	+11	...	3.9	9.2
840	587	Midlands Elec	794	+35	...	4.1	11.0
520	404½	National Power	453	+9½	...	3.4	11.2
858	589	Northern Elec	745 †	+17	...	4.2	9.3
421	329	Nthn Ireland	362	+3	...	3.9	9.9
850	587	Norweb	755	+3	...	3.8	9.9
602	449	PowerGen	529	+8½	...	3.0	11.5
406	337	Scottish Power	386	+4½	...	4.6	10.6
453	329	Seeboard	399	+13	...	3.7	10.6
840	591	Sth Wales	770	+17	...	4.2	10.4
824	551	Sth Western	724	+19	...	4.0	9.7
837	540	Southern Elec	722	+27	...	3.9	11.3
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	710 †	+19½	...	4.7	13.8

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	...	2.5	...
165	80	BPD	80	-4	...	6.6	6.5
119	96	Baltic Plc	118 †	...	...	2.1	13.1
215	163	Biotec Inv	165	-3	...		
757	625	Caledonia	678	-7	...	3.0	16.8
2050	1900	Camellia	2050	...	...	1.4	7.1
363	310	Candover	330 †	...	...	4.2	...
212	184	Exco	184	-6	...	5.8	10.0
465	367	Govett	376	-4	...	4.9	6.2
250	185	Ivory Sime	226	-1	...	4.1	17.6
428	150	Johnson Fry	158	-1	1.5	1.2	...
345	128	Lon Forfaiting	157 †	+3	...	7.4	9.8
57	44	Manakin	50	...	...		
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	15½	...	...	...	0.3
58	53	Newmarket	58	-1	...		
385	247	Rathbone Bro	271 †	...	...	3.9	13.4
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.2	13.4
369	281½	S & U	313	-7	...	4.4	10.1
114	77	Singer & Fried	77 †	-3	...	5.1	9.9
1268	788	Sotheby's	808 †	+3	...	3.4	34.9
188	116	SP Capital	123	+7	...	3.0	7.6
224	153	Towry Law	153 †	...	...	3.7	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2039½	1609½	Amer Express	1900 ↓	-37½	...		
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	130	...	...	5.6	9.6
229	157	Cattmore	166 †	...	...	3.0	19.2
1208	845	Henderson Ad	898	...	...	6.1	14.3
259½	152	Invesco	163 †	...	...	2.9	26.8
317	214½	Jardine Strat	253½	-2½	...	3.1	10.7
323	228	MAI	221 †	+3	...	4.4	∞
117½	89	MAI 5.5% Cv Pf	89	-1½	...		
778	538	MAM	605	...	...	4.7	14.1
1243	904	M & G	930	...	...	3.6	19.5
496	333	Smith New Crt	333	-1	...	3.8	2.8
65	25	Tdo Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

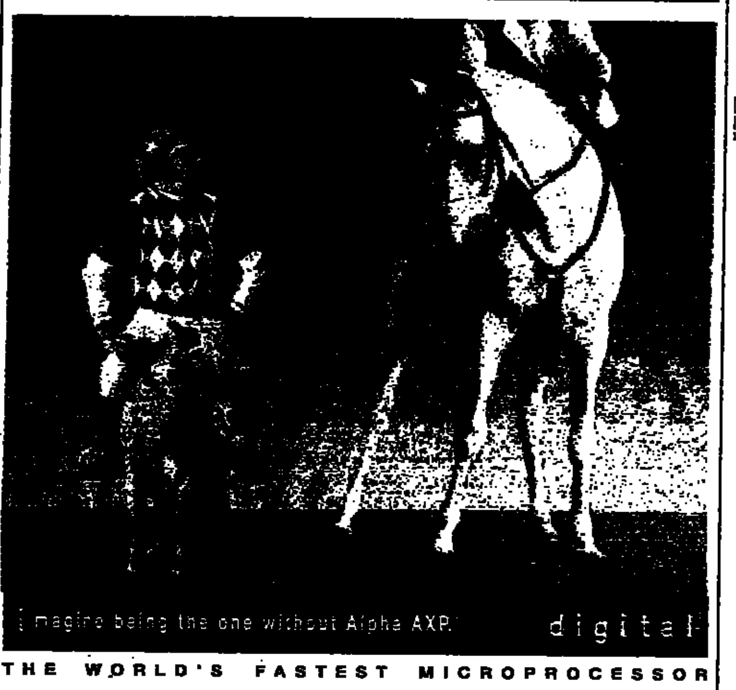
1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	507 †	-2	...	3.7	9.9
68	50½	ASDA Group	63	+½	...	3.5	14.5
366	265	Acatos & Hutch	289	...	...	3.7	11.5
74	44	Albert Fisher	45	...	...	10.4	10.0
315	222½	Argyll	271	+1	...	5.3	11.9
220	222	Banks (S D)	245 †	-3	...	5.0	9.4
373	305	Barr (AG)	372	...	...	2.3	26.0
72	42	Bensons Crisp	44	...	...	6.1	...
481	378	Booker	413 †	+4	...	6.6	15.2
56½	40	Borthwick	51½	...	...	3.2	22.0
505	416	Brake Bros	437	...	...	2.1	14.9
43	24	Budgen	25 †	...	...	5.0	15.9
189	156	CPL Aromas	189	...	...	2.0	18.0
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	446 †	+3	...	4.3	14.8
232	143	Carrs Milling	186	...	...	3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	160	...	...	6.4	13.3
17	11½	Cullens	14½	...	...		
154	90	Dalepak	118	...	...	1.6	...
543	389	Dalgety	434	+1	...	6.3	11.1
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
294	212	Devro	219 †	-1	...	3.6	14.8
101	58	Everest	98	...	...	5.5	∞
394	344	Fampak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...		
85	58	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.9	10.2
108	87	Fyffes	101	...	...	1.7	17.3
371	189	Geest	194	...	...	5.3	...
20½	14	Global	14	...	...	4.5	12.6
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...		
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	124	+1	...	6.8	7.5
196½	151	Hillsdown	174	+1	...	6.4	12.2
28	16	Hobson	23½	...	...		
211	133	Iceland Group	153 †	+4	...	3.2	9.5
111	93	JLI Group	98	-1	...	6.1	11.8
655	523	Kwik Save	546	-1	...	4.3	9.5
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	118 †	-2	...	2.9	14.2
18	9½	Merchant Retail	9½	...	...	3.6	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	129	...	...	1.0	15.8
246	285	Nichols (JN)	243 †	...	...	3.0	15.6
271½	193	Nthn Foods	201	+2	...	5.5	9.8
14	9	Nethrnbra	13	...	...		
232	177	Nurdin Peack	186 †	...	...	4.4	10.3
146	89½	Park Foods	114 †	-1	...	2.6	23.1
81	62	Perkins Food	77 †	...	...	7.2	12.9
141	109	PizzaExpress	119 †	...	...	2.1	∞
5½	2½	Regina Hlth	2½	...	...		
480	342	Sainsbury J	407½	+5½	...	3.3	14.4
96	73	Scotty Farm	80	...	...	3.5	8.1
122	71	Sims Food	89 †	-2	...	10.5	∞
487½	392	Tate & Lyle	440	-4	...	3.8	10.9
255	200½	Tesco	238 †	...	...	4.2	11.8
198	162	Thorntons	180	...	...	2.7	...
238	145	Treats	200 †	-4	...	2.6	16.3
434½	332½	Unigate	333	...	...	6.5	9.4
388	301	Utd Biscuits	308	+3	...	6.3	24.7
21	8	Usborne	8½	...	...		
422	279	Watson Philip	375	...	...	4.9	15.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	30	Adnts Stk H	38	...	...		
94	76	City Centre Rest	79 †	...	...	2.8	16.0
285	209½	Forte	226	+2	...	4.3	26.4
207	169	Friendly Hotels	169	...	...	4.3	27.9
171½	142½	Jurys Hotel	168	...	...	4.1	15.0
217½	152	Ladbroke	154 †	+2	...	2.8	27.2
107½	78½	Mandarin Ortl	84	+½	...	3.8	22.1
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels E	30½	...	...	4.3	17.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	81	-1	...	1.9	29.2

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	40	...	...		
544	398	AAH	398	-1	...	3.6	14.2
188	119	AIM	141 †	...	...	4.0	37.6
138	70½	APV	72½	+1½	...	7.6	...
220	157	ASW	183 †	...	...	4.1	...
202	158	Adwest	161	-5	...	6.8	∞
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18 †	-1	...	5.2	51.0
312	223	Alexprung	246	-2	...	2.5	15.2
230	182	Alexdra W	182	-1	...	3.8	19.4
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6	...	...		
330	283	Alumasc	324 †	+1	...	2.3	∞
73	27½	Alvis	29	-½	...	4.3	20.2
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
65½	49½	Amberley Gp	53	...	...	2.4	∞
81	43	Anagen	53	...	...		
95	47	Andrews Sykes	87	+1	...		
380	109½	Autoglass	308	...	...	1.2	29.7
62	43	Armour	32	...	...	4.4	∞
175	167	Ash & Lacy	170	...	...	4.8	20.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	55.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	570	-11	...	3.6	24.8
297½	248	Assoc Nmsg	248	...	...	1.0	14.5
530	480	Atlas Equip	538	...	...	5.2	18.4
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	111	...	1.5	1.7	...
236	173	BBA	178 †	-5	...	3.2	...
193	115	BLP Group	165 †	...	...	0.8	45.3
51	24½	BM Gp	45	-½	...		
767	627	BOC	690	+3	...	4.2	29.1
86½	59½	BSG	59½	-5	...	6.8	36.8
578	485	BSS Group	534	...	...	4.2	22.3
401	308½	BTR	306½	+6	...	5.1	16.2
176	138	BWI	143	...	...	5.9	18.1
65	30½	Babcock	30½	...	...		
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7	...	...		
200	216	Baird (Wm)	217	...	...	5.2	16.2
508½	368½	Barlow	434½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	76 †	...	...	2.9	19.5
25½	17	Bearing Power	22	...	...	4.3	14.0
35	23	Beauford	32	...	...		
85	35	Bedford (W)	32	...	...		
18½	11½	Benson Group	11½	...	...	3.6	...
398	243	Bespak	280 †	-3	...	4.4	14.9
91	49	Bibby (J)	54	...	...	4.6	...
228	181	Billam (J)	128 †	-12	...	5.2	8.0
39	26	Bitson Bnnen	37	...	...		
31	7½	Blaine Ind	6½	...	...		
253	243	Birkby	253	...	...	3.0	18.6
62	30	Black Arrow	41	...	...	7.9	10.0
280	258	Black (Peter)	289 †	-2	...	2.1	19.3
225	125½	Blenheim Tops	210	-10	...	3.6	6.2
339	262	Bodycote	307	-1	...	2.2	20.8
42	28	Bogod 'A'	32	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	63	...	...		
28½	17	Boustead	26	-2	...	3.8	∞
524	409	Bowater	465 †	+2	...	3.5	17.5
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1843½	...	...		
297	252	Boxmore Intl	257	-5	...	1.9	16.4
28	15	Brasway	16½	-½	...	4.0	16.8
370	288	Brammer	342 †	-7	...	4.8	19.0
31	17	Bridgend Gp	17	...	...	1.5	∞
171	120	Bridon	162	+1	...	3.1	...
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	95	...	...	3.0	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	47½	-1	...	8.9	∞
235	185	Br Bldg & Eng	185	-8	...	5.6	∞
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	446	...	...	3.5	15.5
172½	121½	Br Steel	164½	-3½	...	1.5	60.9
176	75	Br Thornton	75	-1	...	10.0	6.6
309	220	Br Vita	220 †	...	...	4.3	16.4
180½	136½	Britton Grp	152 ↓	...	...	2.1	22.4
988	773½	Broken Hill	907	-22	...	2.2	37.1
125	86½	Bromsgrove Ind	92½	...	...	6.1	11.7
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	15½	-½	...		
71	46	Brown & Tawse	50	...	...		
186	135	Bullough	152	...	...	5.0	25.0
16	7½	Business Tech	7½	...	...		
22	14	CI Group	16	-1	...	2.4	64.4
54	31	Campbell & Arm	46	...	...		
39	15½	Cannon St	15½	-11	...	...	5.9
498	398	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...		
278	241	Caper	242	-2	...	3.7	15.3
455	254	Caradon	267 †	+3	...	4.1	17.7
215½	128½	Caradon pf	135½	+1	7.2	6.7	...
288	248	Carclo Eng	248	...	...	4.6	16.2
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...		
2446½	1800½	Carnaud Md	2043½	+34½	...	2.3	15.8
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	140	...	...	2.3	11.2
66	32½	Cattery Intl	33	...	...		
223	191	Celltech	207	...	...		
230	158	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
836	696½	Charter	786	...	...	3.7	21.8
360	272	Chemring	286	-3	...	4.1	15.0
62	46	Christie Gp	56	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	167½	...	...	1.5	28.6
80	68	Clayhithe	73	...	...	4.5	∞
686	493	Cohen (A)	510	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	249 †	...	...	4.0	∞
263	187	Concentric	189	...	...	3.9	15.7
310	248	Cook (Wm)	273	-4	...	3.4	13.1
285	227	Coolson	238 †	+2	...	3.4	21.5
117	88	Copyrite	115 †	...	...	4.5	16.3
187	123	Cowell Fbr 'A'	123 †	...	...	5.8	∞
137	109	Crank	131	...	...	0.0	...
285	203	Creighton Nt	200	-1	...	4.8	∞
44	38	CresdaCare	30 †	...	...	3.2	...
2062½	1802½	Daina	1725	-37½	...		
388	277	Danks Bs Sys	283	...	...	0.7	24.1
286	201	David Brown	201	-19	...	4.0	14.2
1021	825	De La Rue	927	+7	...	2.7	19.7
162	133	Denby Group	148	...	...	2.6	14.4
52	34	Dinkie Heel	34	...	...	5.2	9.8
628	445½	Diploma	480	+4½	...	3.5	18.0
97	70	Dobson Park	82	...	...	5.7	16.2
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	105	...	...	4.2	∞
97	78	Dyson 'A'	82	...	...	5.3	∞
16	12	EFG	13½	-½	0.1	0.9	8.8
442	364	ERS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
25	15	Elbief	17	...	...		
53	31	Elecu	32	...	...		
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3021½	+40½	...	1.8	51.3
91	69	Elliott (B)	87	...	...	1.4	13.3
447½	321	Eng China Cl	347 †	-1	...	5.9	16.7
146	96	Envirmntd	121	...	...	0.2	...
3002½	2237½	Ericsson 'B'	3443½	+75	...	1.1	24.8
86	56	Eurocopy	65	...	...	1.5	19.1
118	60	Expamet	99 †	...	...	3.3	70.1
402	334½	Fairey Group	375 †	...	...	2.1	19.8
148	109	Fenner	143	...	...	0.3	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	36	Ferrum	36	...	...		
78	50	Fife Indmar	60 †	+2	...	5.7	8.8
159	109½	Fisons	111	...	...	3.1	...
60	37	Forwilton	43	...	...	10.5	...
303	265	Fogarty	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
54	36	Folkes Group nv	44 †	...	1.5	4.3	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...		
264	220	Frost Group	233 †	-2	...	4.3	18.3
98	77	GEI Intl	82	...	...	2.9	23.5
800	540	GKN	601 †	-12	...	2.3	23.0
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.3	35.2
134	91	Garton Eng	130	...	...	4.1	...
191	121	Gestetner	125 †	+2	...	4.5	34.8
66	49	Gleeves	62	...	...	2.4	...
725	520	Glaxo	583 †	+10½	...	2.0	39.8
40	35½	Glendenston	35½	-½	...	3.8	14.3
404	322½	Glynwed	327½	+2½	...	4.6	18.7
309	125	Goode Durrant	193	...	...	3.9	15.1
185	129	Grampian Hdg	129	...	...	5.3	49.8
548	475	Granada	508	-2	...	2.2	23.1
775	452	Great Stam	773	...	...	2.3	25.6
85	71	Green (Ernst)	75 †	...	...	10.0	∞
15½	10½	Greenwich	10½	-½	...		
122	61	Haden MacLn	75 †	...	...	4.1	13.7
133	90	Hadleigh	117 †	...	...	3.3	19.4
78	59	Halkin Hldgs	61	...	...	2.1	12.7
320	148	Hall Eng	148 †	-1	...	...	47.6
296	204	Halma	216½	-½	...	6.8	11.6
75	47	Hampson Ind	69½	...	...	1.4	25.4
302	225½	Hanson	232	...	...	3.6	13.2
161	122	Harris (Philip)	145	-5	...	6.5	20.8
230	152	Harrison Cssfld	163 †	-3	...	5.9	17.0
188	121	Havelock Euro	166	-3	...	6.9	18.5
48	28	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	1.5	19.7
50	33	Headway	35 †	...	...		
511	284	Hepworth	307 †	+8	...	2.5	27.2
205	139	Hewitt (J)	139	...	...	6.0	17.5
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	2.9	...
184½	144	Hill & Smith	141	...	...	1.2	...
191	111	Holders Tech	119	...	...	5.2	15.3
63	39	Hopkinsons	56	-1	...	6.3	12.9
216	176	Hornby	182	-1	...	2.9	...
103	78	Howden	85½	-½	...	6.2	15.9
282	234	Hozelock	256	...	...	3.6	13.7
265	166	Hunting	166	-3	...	2.0	18.2
513	402	Huntleigh Tec	420 †	...	...	7.5	32.8
359	298	IMI	288 †	-3	...	1.6	19.6
138	110	ISA Intl	116	...	...	4.4	34.5
165	45	Intercare Gp	45	-2	...	1.8	14.4
325	284	Isotron	288 †	...	...	9.7	4.8
710	459½	Jardine Math	531½	+1	...	2.1	∞
628	486	Johnson Mattn	536	-3	...	2.7	12.2
51	37	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	2.7	21.3
294	149	Johnston	284	+5	...	1.1	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	2.0	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...		
191½	149½	Kalon	158	...	...	4.1	30.3
302	230	Kelsey Ind	302	...	...	3.5	15.0
875	730	Kershaw (A)	875	...	...	3.3	...
226	163	Kleeneze	168	...	...	3.9	40.3
444	341	Laird	366	-7	...	0.7	39.3
190	145	Lilleshall	160 †	...	...	3.8	17.0
229	205	Lincat	218 †	...	...	3.7	16.8
408	313	Linton Park	405	...	...	4.0	∞
14	5½	Linotherm	5½	...	...	5.5	11.4
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	...	...	6.8	12.5
152½	74	Lon Ind	86	...	...	1.5	∞
175½	124½	Lonrho	132½	+1½	...	3.8	16.4
438	384	Low & Bonar	404	-2	...	3.2	16.1
49	41	ML Hldgs	46 †	...	...	2.3	15.9
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	23.6
70	45	MY Holdings	57	-1	...	3.3	13.8
271½	223	Macfarlane	260 †	+1	...	2.0	20.9
539	431	McKechnie	433	-3	...	4.3	20.7
127	100	McLeod Russel	114	-1	...	6.7	17.8
104	70	Magnolia	72	...	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mang Bronze	162	-5	...	2.7	18.3
29½	18½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	45.7
231	166	Mayborn	187 †	...	...	3.9	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	57 †	...	...	3.1	21.2
187	120	Medeva	157 †	+4	...	2.3	12.6
120	78	Meggitt	78 †	...	...	6.5	13.2
120	102	Metalrax	107 †	-2	...	4.4	17.8
120	99	Mennmer	102	...	...	4.2	∞
133	99	Metter	131	...	...	2.9	18.1
124	69	Midstates	71	+1	...	...	9.9
589	542	Molins	542 †	...	...	3.6	10.9
408	320	Morgan Cble	320	...	...	5.1	15.2
217	176	Morris Ashby	208	...	...	1.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	37	...	...	4.2	17.3
80	42	Nestor-BNA	42 †	-1	...	9.4	10.4
274	214	Nobo Gp	225 ↓	-9	...	3.3	14.5
212½	119	Norcros	132	-1	...	7.2	21.9
35	27	Novo Group	27	...	...	5.1	8.7
64	48	OAG Intl	51½	...	...	4.2	...
175	153	PCT	155 †	...	...	6.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	70	-1	...	7.0	22.7
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...		
123	84	Pentland	100 †	...	...	3.6	19.8
310	209	Photo-Me	209 †	...	...	2.9	∞
208	162	Pilkington	186	-1½	...	2.7	...
55	38	Plant & Gen	54	-1	1.5	3.5	∞
185	82	Plantsbrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	120	Polypipe	131 †	-1	...	2.2	∞
44	16	Porter Chadburn	39	...	...		
341	218	Powerscreen	311	-4	...	2.9	13.9
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.9	9.3
77	56	RPS Group	68 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
108	65	Radiant Metal	65	...	...		
447½	359½	Rank Org	404	+5	...	3.9	25.9
71	13	Ransomes	59½	...	...		
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	532 †	-4	...	4.3	13.1
95	70	Record	85	-3	...	5.4	18.9
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...		
291	211	Relyon	256	-3	...	2.6	46.7
308	266	Renishaw	287	...	...	3.1	∞
185	126	Renold	179	...	...	1.7	24.8
539½	424	Reuters	452	-15	...	1.9	22.6
90	72	Rexmore	73 †	...	...	4.3	7.4
194	138	Ricardo Group	138 †	...	...	5.4	∞
73	54	Richard (Leics)	54	...	...	5.2	38.7
104½	82½	Richardson West	83 †	...	...	4.9	18.2
164	118½	Ropner	136 †	...	...	6.9	15.4
24	14	Ross Gp	14	...	...	3.6	...
195	157	Rotork	163 †	-3	...	3.4	16.6
190	137	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	95	-1	...	3.0	19.3
42	34½	SEP Indl	37	...	...	3.0	17.4
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1118½	+31½	...		
222	186	Scapa	210	-1	...	3.5	17.9
230	150	Scholl	150 †	-2	...	5.3	14.4
295	242	Scotia	274	...	...		
1543	1146	Securicor	1445	-43	...	0.3	35.8
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	920	-25	...	0.4	22.8
892	606	Security Serv	740	-22	...	1.0	23.4
150½	111½	Senior Eng	111½	-1	...	3.9	18.0
396	291	Seton Health	335	-2	...	2.4	17.1
180	138	Shiloh	153	-2	...	2.9	10.1
388	225	Sidlaw	229	-12	...	5.9	11.2
630	517	Siebe	534	-6	...	2.6	16.9
378	194	Silentnight	211	-6	...	4.8	13.1
196	137	Sime Darby	173	-4	...	3.1	∞
130½	75	Simon Eng	101	...	...		
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	195	...	...	4.5	15.8
73	35	Six Hundred	73	...	...	2.6	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	140½	+½	...	4.5	15.6
465½	357½	Smithkline	429 †	+3	...	3.2	16.7
421	322	Smithkline Uts	391½	+2	...	3.5	15.2
529½	417	Smiths Ind	417	-4	...	3.6	16.7
104	41	Stm Bus	50	...	...	0.3	7.8
280	159½	Spandex	258	...	...	1.2	20.7
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	427 †	-1	...	2.9	18.1
81½	45	Spring Ram	45	...	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	205	-2	...	5.2	39.9
267	197	Sterling Ind	243	-2	...	3.2	21.8
220	174	Storer	174 ↓	-3	...	0.7	16.8
604	440½	Swire Pacific 'A'	493½	+1½	...	1.9	∞
178	149	Sykone	163 †	-2	...	3.8	18.1
455	344	TI	347 †	...	...	4.1	19.2
44	31	TLS Range	39 †	...	...	3.2	15.7
402	330	TT Group	351 †	-4	...	2.4	∞
292	192	Talarre	212	...	2.0	1.2	18.5
852½	656	Takeda Chem	743½	+½	...	0.9	13.6
121	92	Tinsley (E)	120	...	...	5.4	19.5
230	188	Time	188	-2	...	3.9	16.0
283	204	Tomkins	221 †	+5	...	4.2	14.2
124	74½	Trafalgar H	82	+½	...	1.5	...
105	45	Transtec Tech	53	+2	...	8.0	5.5
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	139	...	...	6.3	∞
313	257½	UniChem	259 †	...	...	3.3	14.6
493	345	Unicbro	300	...	...	3.5	16.3
54	33	Unigroup	37	-1	...		
1247	958	Unilever	1125	+13	25.0	2.6	15.2
8118½	6490½	Unilever (NV)	7225	+67½	...	3.0	14.7
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	0.8	...
1228	980	VSEL	1195	+17	...	3.5	11.8
31½	12	Verson	12	-½	...		
236	166	Vickers	170 †	-4	...	2.6	18.0
329	256	Victaulic	256 †	-1	...	4.0	14.1
522	451	Vinten	509	-4	...	2.0	16.5
805	661	Vosper Thorny	710	...	...	3.2	15.4
65	37	WSP Hldgs	57 †	...	...	4.2	33.4
527	451	Wagon Ind	473	-2	...	4.7	24.1
114	97	Walker Greenbk	106	...	3.3	3.9	∞
324	246½	Wassall	284 †	+6	...	1.6	24.4
63	44	Wtrfrd Wdgwd	59	...	...	...	46.0
354½	246½	Weir	261 ↓	-2	...	3.2	15.6
731	498	Wellcome	661 †	+9	...	3.3	15.1
220	195	Wellington Hdg	195 †	...	...	3.3	18.8
39½	37½	Welman	38	...	...	5.0	62.0
400	284	West Hthcare	354	...	...	1.6	∞
548	403	Whatman	403 †	-2	...	3.3	14.5
284	90	Whessoe	102	...	...	10.0	7.8
147	93	Whitecroft	139	...	...	1.5	21.9
13½	10	Widney	10½	...	...		
419½	322	Williams Hldg	338 †	+2	...	4.8	20.9
57	39½	Wilshaw	57	...	...	1.3	23.4
975	705	Wolseley	766	-3	...	2.4	19.6
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	65 †	...	...	1.9	∞
96	70	Young (H)	75	-1	...	5.5	...
245	133	Willis Corroon	149	+3	...	5.5	14.4
28	20	Windsor	23	-1	...	...	18.1



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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1252½	+25	...	5.3	...
2043½	1695½	Am Gen	1730	+25	...	4.2	...
86	49	Archer	49	+1	...	2.6	...
165	88	Bmnstock	88	...	...	7.9	5.1
550	370	Britannic	379 †	+3	...	4.3	...
117	89	CLM Insce	89	-½	1.4	2.0	...
701½	451	Com Union	494 ↓	+13	...	6.4	18.6
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670 †	...	...	2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	37	-4	...	1.5	...
194	142	Fenchurch Grp	142	...	...	6.3	12.2
757	529	Gen Accident	536	-7	...	6.6	4.5
287	161	GRE	161	+6	...	5.5	19.5
457	241	Heath C E	241	-3	...	8.3	...
323	239	Independent	251 †	-1	...	4.4	7.2
203	128	JIB Group	128 †	-1	...	7.3	11.7
547	407	Legal & Gen	440 †	+5	...	5.8	14.5
1375	965½	Liberty Life	1349½	-15½	...	7.9	7.2
119	92	LIMIT	92	-½	...	1.4	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	330 †	+3	...	7.0	∞
370	157	Lloyd Thomp	157 †	...	...	6.2	∞
185	159	Lombard Ins	179	...	...	5.4	∞
443	313	London & Man	322 †	...	...	6.3	16.0
236	172	Lowndes Lmb	172	-1	...	5.5	10.8
5893½	4862½	Marsh McLn	4925	-31½	...	3.7	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	174 †	...	...	4.0	17.4
129½	109	Oriel	115	...	...	5.5	∞
83	38	PWS	39	...	...	9.6	...
385	271	Prudential	296 †	+3½	...	5.7	12.8
404	361	Refuge	362 †	+1	...	5.7	∞
350	232½	Royal	284 †	+4	...	4.0	7.2
222	142	Sedgwick	143 †	+1	...	7.2	15.2
155	104	Steel Burrill	105 †	-2	...	10.7	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	70	+8	...	5.4	...
418	285	Sun Alliance	316 †	+4	...	5.9	5.8
96	51	Trade Indemnity	64	...	...	1.8	14.2
464	334	Transatlantic	335 †	+1	...	4.5	30.3
673	460	Utd Friendly	461 †	+1	...	4.6	23.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	321	+½	...	2.5	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1733 †	+10	...	3.4	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	415	+4	...	2.2	...
161	117	BZW Conv	118 †	+1	...	8.3	∞
219	173	Bankers	182	+1	...	2.7	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	315	+2	...	2.6	...
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	93½	...	...	5.8	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	93½	...	...	1.2	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	38	+½	...		
234	188	Br Inv	200	...	...	3.0	...
272	221	Brunner	233	+1	...	2.9	...
223	194	Cont Asset	197	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	160	...	...	12.3	...
328	268	Derby Cap	275	...	...		
100	73	Drayton Blue	78	...	...	13.5	...
111	84	Dryton Eng Intl	94	...	...	1.1	...
156	128	Dryton Far East	139 †	-½	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	628 †	+1	...	5.2	...
108	85	Dunedin Japan	89	-1	...		
80	44½	Dunedin Wts	44½	-½	...		
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	319	...	...	3.5	...
827	725	Dunedin Wwde	767	-2	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	300½	-1½	...	3.6	...
354	286	Electra Inv	318	...	...	2.8	...
220	185	Electric Gen	192	+1	...	2.1	...
127	106	English Scot	112	...	...		
345	286	European Asset	302	...	...	1.9	...
174	146	Fidity Euro Val	146	-1	...	0.3	...
103½	88	Fidity Jap Val	89	-½	...		
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	158	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	295	+1	...	0.4	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	77	...	...		
92	38	Fleming Wts	38½	...	...		
267	196	Fleming Claver	203 †	+1	...	3.4	...
385	305	Fleming Contl	319½	-4½	...	0.9	...
264	190	Fleming Emp	201 †	-1	...	3.0	...
459	327	Fleming F East	386	...	1.5	0.5	...
422	359½	Fleming Fledg	364	...	...	1.0	...
120	89	Fleming HI Inc	94	...	...	5.9	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	262	...	...	0.2	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	286 †	+3	...	2.9	...
347½	280½	Fleming Ovsas	290 †	+3	...	1.8	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	136½	-1½	...	1.6	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	129½	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	71½	+½	...	1.0	...
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	228	-1	...	0.7	...
145	116	Frgn German	120	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	318 ↓	...	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	166	-½	...	1.5	...
303	246	GT Japan	247 †	...	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	166	-1	...		
115½	105	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	145	...	...		
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	122	+2	...	0.3	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	85	...	...		
112	78	Govett High Inc	80 †	...	...	7.0	...
429	349	Govett Oriental	399	+1	...	0.3	...
346	239	Govett Strategic	242	-1	...	3.5	...
475	410	Greenfriar	423	-1	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...		
105	86	Herald	89	-½	...		
99	92	Intl Biotech	92	-1	...		
50	30	Inv Wts	38	-3	...		
158	122	Inv Cap	126	+½	...	5.1	...
119	94	IBS UK Smlr	104	...	...	3.4	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	162	...	...		
243	196½	Kleinwort Chrt	200	+1	...	3.2	...
88½	75½	Klnwt Euro Prvt	76	-½	...		
49	27½	Klnwt Euro Wts	27	-½	...		
272½	232½	Klnwt O'seas	235½	+2	...	1.8	...
165	131	Klnwt Smlr	131 †	-1	...	3.0	...
826	672	Law Debenture	735	-6	...	3.3	...
227	190	Majedie	198	...	...	3.2	...
324	237	Merchants	255 †	+2½	...	5.5	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	81	+½	...		
45	28½	Mercury Wts	29½	...	...		
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	112	...	...		
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	42	-1	...		
2987½	2125	Merrill Lynch	2125	-75	...		
565	492	Merchnts Inv Tst	521	+1	...	1.7	...
138	127	Merg Cren Inc	131	+1	...	4.3	...
64	43	Merg Wts	50	...	...		
111	87	Merg Latin Amer	103	...	...		
65	30	Msrh Wts	60½	...	...		
148	113	Murray Ent	112 ↓	-1	...	2.2	...
58	34	Murray Wts	37	...	...		
68	54	Murray Euro	59	...	...	0.6	...
27	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...		
353	317	Murray Income	329 †	-2	...	4.5	...
305	319	Murray Intl	332 †	-2	...	4.7	...
546	424	Murray Small	489½	...	...	1.1	...
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	87	...	...	15.2	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	145	...	...		
3400	2950	Murray S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
162	153	Murray S/C ZP	157	...	...		
363	305	Murray Vent	305 †	-2	...	4.7	∞
95	61	Nurtrg Inc	64	...	...	9.4	...
408	373	Oseas Inv Tst	382	+1	...	1.1	...
241	170	Oseas Wts	207	...	...		
640½	453	Pacific Assets	515	-1	...	0.3	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	417	-1	...		
6400	7900	Personal Assets	8500	...	195	2.9	...
189	164	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	...	...	1.1	...
122	112½	River & Merc	115 †	+1	...	10.0	...
449	413	Robeco	422	...	...	3.0	...
463	415	Rolinco	433	...	...	1.8	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	316	...	...	3.1	...
183	150½	Scot American	158 †	+1	...	3.8	...
368	254	Scot Asian	285	...	...		
1072	663	Scot Wts	798	-10	...		
97½	77	Scot Eastern	81 †	+1½	...	2.4	...
263	209	Scottish	217½	+3	...	2.9	∞
264½	205	Scottish Mtge	220	+2	...	2.3	...
133½	111	Scottish Value	111	...	...	2.2	...
1795	1520	Second Alliance	1528 †	+7	...	3.4	∞
106	77	Secs Tst of Scot	82½	+½	...	5.0	...
179	148	Selective Asset	159	...	...	1.1	...
51	41	Sphere Inv	43	...	...	9.4	...
205	149	TR Far East	167	+1	...	3.9	...
177½	130½	TR City Of Lon	140½	+2	...	4.7	...
126½	86	TR Pacific	111	+1	...	0.2	...
47½	32	TR Property	33½ ↓	...	...	3.4	...
152	112	TR Tech Inv	112	...	...	2.0	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	194 †	...	...	2.4	...
412	310	Temple Bar	331	...	...	5.2	...
135	102	Thrmtn Asian E	111	...	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	78½	+½	...	3.7	...
568	466	Thrmg Dual Cp	500	...	...		
259	223	USDC Invest	239 †	...	...	2.4	...
129	109½	Value Inc Tst	110	...	...	4.5	...
251½	205	Witan	227	+1½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	450	...	...	2.5	15.6
28½	19	Ald Leis	19	...	...		
77	45	Alpha Airpts	47 †	+1	...	3.4	∞
131	85	Baldwin	116 †	...	...	3.8	20.0
332	267	Barr & W 'A'	279 †	...	...	4.5	11.6
365	231	Boosey Hwks	338 †	-4	...	1.9	20.3
235	173	Border TV	176	+½	...	2.8	14.7
7½	3½	Brent Walker	3½	...	...		
200	100	Bristol Scotts	160	-3	...		
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	-½	...		
74	37	Campari	37	...	...		
423	320	Capital Radio	370	-2	...	2.1	32.6
1047	797	Carlton Comm	835	-2	...	2.9	18.4
375	248	Castle Comm	300	...	...	1.6	∞
213	114	Chrysalis	205	...	3.2	2.0	...
374	305	Compass Gp	325	+8	...	2.6	19.3
293	232	Eurocamp	270	...	9.9	4.6	11.1
213	92	Euro Dsney	94	...	...		
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...		
455	308	Fairline Boats	425	...	...	3.5	29.6
131	81	First Choice	120	-3	...	3.6	...
250	252	First Leisure	267 †	-1	...	3.1	17.7
475	309	Flextech	425	...	...		
1033	673	GWR Gp	913	...	...	1.4	33.0
356	226	Grampian	334	-1½	...	2.6	17.8
172	106	HTV Group	152 †	-1	...	1.4	34.0
96	40	Hi-Tec Sports	40	-6	...	9.0	5.6
16		Ikerbick	14½	...	...		
257	200	London Clubs	241	...	...	6.2	12.3
732	539	Man Utd	679	-13	...	4.0	∞
15	12½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...		
58	34	Northern	66	-2	...	3.9	∞
157	65½	The Pelican Gp	93	...	...	1.5	∞
155	130	Prism Leisure	130	...	...	4.0	9.2
42	28	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...		
274	205	Ramsdens (H)	256	...	...	2.1	39.9
629	395	Scot Radio	583	...	...	2.3	22.8
574	355	Scot TV	480	-13	...	3.2	26.3
40½	21	SelecTV	33	...	...		
350	266½	Stanley Leisure	328	...	...	2.0	18.5
153	123	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.2
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
167	75	Tottenham Hot	140 †	-2	...	0.9	37.6
760	518	Ulster TV	710 †	-5	...	2.9	21.8
150	129	VCI	150	+1	...	1.6	15.4
149	112	Vardon	123 †	...	...	1.2	21.8
392	150	Yorkshire TV	383	...	...		
149	110	Zetters Gp	147 †	...	...	7.2	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3546½	-15½	...	2.0	31.6
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3487½	...	...	2.6	18.9
7206½	4597½	Ang Am Gold	7096½	+12	...	3.4	21.2
36	25½	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...		
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1284½	+6½	...		
404	275	Bakyrchik	304	...	...		
184	90½	Blyvoors	169½	+3	...		
37	14½	Bracken	15½	...	...	5.6	...
898	580½	Buffels	847½	+15½	...	6.4	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	-½	...		
968	745½	CRA	872	-23	...	2.4	27.6
55½	36	Cluff Res	47½	...	...		
131	28½	Coal Inv	131	+6	...		
1750	1318½	De Beers	1525	+25	...	3.4	16.2
148	88	Deelkraal	117½	...	...	3.0	10.3
99½	30½	Doornfontein	99½	...	...		
1029½	665½	Driefontein	1013½	+19½	...	4.2	14.9
928	549½	Durban	855½	-½	...		
203½	107	E Rand Gold	190	...	...	9.3	7.1
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	114½	...	...		
496½	300½	Elandsrand	495	-½	...	3.2	11.5
1239	741½	FS Cons	1109½	+11½	...	6.3	11.4
82	27	FS Dev	82	...	...	1.5	...
1918½	1193½	GFSA	1881½	...	...	3.0	28.1
215½	108½	Gencor	215½	+3	...	1.2	27.0
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	60	-1	...	2.3	22.5
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	...	...		
202	105½	Grootvlei	193½	...	...	6.6	∞
680½	319½	Harmony	639½	-35	...		
430	268½	Hartles	363	+1½	...	7.8	10.7
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1503½	...	...	1.7	46.6
1315½	890½	Kinross	1140½	-9½	...	4.2	15.9
1087½	568½	Kloof	1069	+7½	...	3.0	11.2
137	69½	Leslie	128	...	...	6.2	∞
368½	176½	Loraine	361	...	...		
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	∞
162	118	MIM	126	-3	...	1.9	...
1762½	1227	Minorco	1650 †	...	...	2.2	∞
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	175	-8	...	2.9	26.1
905	740	RTZ	828 †	-7	...	2.9	25.0
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.3	17.5
849½	547½	Randfontein	819½	-16	...	3.9	∞
395	207	Renison	248	-2	...		
1809½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1740½	...	...	1.7	∞
756	589	St Helena	736½	-½	...	3.5	∞
2867½	1484½	Southvaal	2081½	-31½	...	4.1	24.2
143	73	Stilfontein	130½	+3½	...	19.5	∞
261½	90	Unisel	202½	...	...	2.2	∞
7600	4947½	Vaal Reefs	7096½	-62½	...	3.6	11.7
1100½	508½	Western Areas	1100½	-31½	...	6.4	10.3
3362½	2050	Western Deep	3287½	+31½	...	3.1	17.4
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	362	-6	...	1.0	∞
1225	603½	Winkels	909½	...	...	3.9	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	59	...	...		
66	48	Zandpan	65	...	...	7.6	13.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
140	108	Airflow Stream	128	-2	2.0	2.7	20.8
175	117	Appleyard	118 †	...	...	6.1	20.8
405	268	Bletchley Mtr	275 †	...	...	4.8	11.3
306	180	Bostrom	300	-2	...	2.5	17.0
584	390	Br Aerospace	439 †	-3	...	2.6	38.6
57	37	Burndene	37	-1	...	6.8	10.8
465	280	Caffyns	300	...	...	4.8	20.2
22	13½	Coverdale	14½	-½	...	1.3	14.9
130	98	Central Mtr	99	...	...	4.4	24.5
51	32½	Cook (DC)	42	-2	...	3.0	∞
348	210	Cowie	211	-8	...	4.9	10.3
192½	127	Dag Motors	143 †	-4	...	5.7	16.4
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	327	...	...	0.6	...
234	202	Eurodollar	204	...	...	5.2	16.0
173	114	European Mtr	117 ↓	-1	...	4.5	12.2
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	397 †	...	...	4.5	12.5
310	235	FR Group	282	-2	...	3.4	15.4
2359½	1687½	Ford Motor	1750	-12½	...		
4387½	2950	General Mtr	2950	-25	...	1.7	...
90	60	Gowrings	70 †	...	...	3.3	23.1
342½	266½	Henlys	291 †	-3	...	3.3	15.0
1230	918½	Honda Motor	1058	+1	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	13.4
164	145	Kwik-Fit	153½	-½	...	3.3	17.6
573	347	Lex Service	348	-12	...	4.8	13.3
282	162	Lookers	189	-1	...	4.6	11.8
239	158	Lucas	161	-11	...	4.8	...
39½	24	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	1.3	...
310	234	Pendragon	254 †	...	...	4.0	15.4
238	167	Perry Gp	167 †	...	...	5.2	9.2
218	152	Quicks Group	152 †	...	...	4.3	16.0
204	161	Rolls-Royce	175 †	+1	...	3.5	31.4
261	203	T & N	208 †	-14	...	6.5	18.1
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	319	...	...	2.5	22.9
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	163	...	...	3.5	15.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	294 †	...	...	2.8	21.0
345	320	Black (A&C)	343	...	...	4.9	14.6
402	313	Blenheim Gp	365	-3	...	4.9	9.8
413	365	Bristol	370	...	...	4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1350	...	...	1.4	31.6
1494½	860½	Daily Mail 'A'	950	...	...	2.0	22.2
314	260	Dorling Kind	289	+1	...	1.4	∞
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	6087½	+71½	...	3.2	19.8
469	361½	EMAP	377 †	...	...	2.9	23.4
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1805	...	...	2.8	31.8
194	32	Harrington K	51	-3	...	6.6	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	443 †	...	...	2.5	26.3
408	340	Hodder H'line	345 †	-2	...	1.9	56.2
180	120	Home Counts	175 †	...	...	3.6	42.9
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	224 †	-1	...	2.0	10.9
15	8	Int Cm & Data	10	...	...		
340	277½	Independent	298 †	...	...	2.5	10.1
666	551	Johnstone Press	626 †	+7	...	1.4	23.0
110	43	MAID	52	-3	...	...	78.9
492	338	Metal Bulletn	484 †	...	...	2.9	35.2
177½	131	Midland Ind	132 †	...	...	2.7	18.1
203	123	Mirror Gp	133 †	+4	...	0.9	7.0
514½	378	News Corp	378 †	-22	...	0.4	24.5
314	224	News Intl	233 †	-13	...	0.8	12.4
735	552	Pearson	600 †	+1	...	2.8	20.6
780	650	Portsmth Sund	650	-3	...	2.0	16.1
864	722	Reed Int	755	-5	...	3.2	22.8
769	187	Southnews	229	...	...	1.6	20.0
200	141	Sterling Pub	142 †	+1	...	3.2	12.1
632	323	Telegraph	325 †	-7	...	5.0	11.4
885	695	Thomson Corp	735	...	30.1	5.1	36.7
472	394	Trinity Intl	399 †	-2	...	3.1	18.4
45	18½	Univ Group	35	...	...		
731	479	Utd Nwspapers	488 †	+4	...	5.8	11.8

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	38½	+1½	...	...	23.3
53	35	Arcon Intl	46	...	...		
74½	59	Ass Oil & Gas	66	-½	...		
67	43	Avwa Pet	46	...	...		
9	6	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	207 †	-1	...	4.3	9.7
358	253	British Gas	296	-½	...	6.3	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	404½	+5	...	2.6	22.2
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½	...	...		
919	811	Burmah Castrl	850	+9	...	4.1	16.7
84	56	Cairn Energy	74	...	...	...	40.7
375	261	Calor Gp	267	+1	...	6.0	12.6
51	33	Clyde Pet	39 †	-1	...	1.1	...
30	13	Copley Res	13½	-½	...		
2	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...		
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	21	...	...	...	22.7
486	379	Enterprise	392 †	+6	...	5.1	...
28½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	6½	...	...		
77	54	Goal Pet	64	-3	...	2.8	21.3
46	31	Gt Western Res	42	...	...		
177	137	Hardy O & G	143	...	...	0.4	18.3
55	40	Kelt Energy	51	...	...	3.3	...
169	110½	Lasmo	150	...	...	0.8	...
73	53	Lasmo Units	58 †	...	7.8	17.8	...
75	56	Monument	69½	+½	...	...	74.3
7½	4	New London	4	...	...		
50	36	Oil Search	45	...	...		
50½	17½	Petroz	39½	-2	...		
169	157	Pict Pet	154	-2	...		
111	100	Pittencrieff Rs	103	-2	...		
32½	21½	Premier	26	...	...	...	14.1
158	116	Presidio	126	...	...	5.2	...
282	129	Ramco Egy	307	+27	...	0.3	...
463	325	Ranger	396	-2	...	5.1	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Pt	6871½	+81½	...	4.6	18.0
4084½	3407½	Schlumberger	3531½	+33½	...	2.2	...
65	50	Seafield	61	...	...		
758	651	Shell	704 †	+7	...	4.4	21.3
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	129	...	...		
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11½	...	...		
237	178½	Woodside	230	+1	...	1.6	...
110	26	XCL	68	...	...		

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
164	145	AG Holdings	146	...	...	4.5	13.2
444	365	API	365	-2	...	2.9	22.9
316	257	Arjo Wiggins	262 †	+1	...	3.0	40.2
730	540	Abbott Mead	675 †	...	...	2.2	30.4
33	17½	Aegis Gp	27½	...	...		
205	145	Aspen Comm	169 †	...	...	3.7	67.8
26	16	BBB Design	21	...	...	...	10.3
472	392	Bemrose	392 †	-1	...	3.9	14.0
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½	...	...		
186	139	Bunzl	169 †	-2	...	3.0	19.9
169	117½	CIA Gp	140 †	-1	...	1.6	22.7
198	129	Capital Inds	173 †	...	...	3.3	13.6
99	76	City of Lon	83	-3	...	6.6	12.7
439	301	Cropper (Jms)	317	...	...	1.4	15.9
114	80	Delyn Group	82	...	...	2.5	14.9
137	104	Dolphin Pack	121	-1	...	4.6	15.6
83	67	Dudley Jenkns	67 †	-3	...	6.1	14.8
17½	12	Elswick	17½	...	...	2.4	19.0
101	75	Fairway Group	91 †	...	...	4.7	17.0
430	315	Ferguson Intl	315	-15	...	5.0	13.4
145	125	Ferry Pick	125 †	...	...	5.7	...
227	188	Filofax	199 †	-3	...	1.1	19.7
17½	8	Finch	11½	-½	...		
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	130	...	...	4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	176 †	...	...	3.8	∞
34	23	Goodhead	27	...	...	0.2	∞
362	124	Interdrope	135	...	...	7.7	∞
281½	246	Jarvis Porter	279	...	...	2.3	20.0
33½	21	Lopex	21	...	...	1.5	23.7
431	344	More O'Ferrall	352 †	-4	...	4.7	20.3
435	320	Osborne & Little	408	-2	...	2.0	14.8
60	32	Osprey Comms	36	...	...	0.3	...
830	513	Portals	683	+5	...	3.1	16.3
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...		
339	260	Quarto	260	...	...	2.9	14.0
412	317	St Ives Gp	317	...	...	2.3	22.2
178	127	Saatchi	155	...	...	...	30.2
902½	404½	Sappi	847½	-15½	...	3.3	18.7
30½	16½	Serif	16½	...	...		
57	29½	Shandwick	48½	...	...	1.3	7.3
573	398	Smith David	519	-1	...	2.6	22.2
439	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	398	-4	...	1.4	56.5
119	84	Sonic	84	...	...	3.7	9.0
254	192	Stat-Plus	192 †	...	...	5.9	16.2
40½	25	Taylor Nelson	38½	...	...	2.0	23.1
161	119½	VTR	126	-2	...	4.0	20.0
36½	24½	WMGO	24½	...	...	2.6	12.0
129	63½	WPP	109½	+1	...	1.2	15.6
270	182	Wace	226 †	-1	...	2.2	14.5
291	209	Waddington (J)	219	-1	...	4.9	10.7
511	365	Watmough	377 †	-1	...	2.3	23.9
46	29	Whitney Mck	40	...	...		
132	98	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	94	Allied Lon	94	...	...	5.1	12.2
48	36	Arcadian	42	...	...		
276	253	Argent	265	...	...		
10½	3½	Ascot Hldgs	3½	...	...		
144	109	Asda	120	+4	...	2.4	21.2
191	113	Avonside	126 †	...	...	4.4	14.8
257½	220½	BCE	228½	+6½	...		
282½	249	Bilton	249 †	-2	...	4.9	18.0
109	72	Bourne End	82	-3	...	1.5	...
226	165	Bradford	187	+2	...	4.3	13.2
474	360	Br Land	385	...	...	2.5	33.6
137	119	Brightstone	119	-2	...	4.0	26.7
276	179	Brixton	183 †	-1	...	5.5	16.3
116	89½	Burford	89½	-1½	...	2.2	29.0
112	101	CLS Hldgs	105 †	-1	...	5.5	...
307½	125½	Cap & Regnl	151	...	...	1.2	60.3
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	195	...	...	4.2	46.9
325	225	Cardiff Prop	228	...	...	1.4	51.0
185	152	Chelsfield	158 †	...	...	1.9	53.6
678	520	Chesterfield	520	...	...	2.9	23.3
112	94	Chesterton Int	94	...	...	4.4	13.2
84	36	City Site Ests	63	...	...		
12½	7	Clarke Nickolls	7 †	...	...	1.8	14.6
350	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
56	32	Conrad Rbiat GS	33 †	+1	...	1.6	28.9
1755	1355	Daejan	1395	...	...	2.7	15.8
25½	5	Dares Estates	6½	-½	...		
156	103	Debenhm Tewn	110	...	...	4.0	17.8
17	6	De Morgan	7	...	...		
189	161	Dencora	166	...	...	3.5	46.6
347½	257	Derwent Hldgs	257	-1	...	2.2	22.0
41	21	Development Sec	22	...	...	0.6	...
51	45	Dwyer	48	...	...		
460	275	Estates Agency	320 †	...	...	3.5	44.7
47	18	Estates Gen	25½	...	...		
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	113	...	...	2.8	19.7
43½	24	Ex-Lands	24½	+½	...	1.8	...
80	66	Fiscal Prop	66	...	...	1.2	...
37	24	Five Oaks	25	...	...	1.0	...
78	43	Fletcher King	45	-6	...	4.2	23.3
536	407	Frogmore	437	...	...	5.0	∞
325	228	Grainger	257	...	...	2.6	45.9
260	174	Gt Portland	187	-1	...	5.3	35.6
226½	119	Greycoat	119	...	...		
269	149	HK Land	157	+½	...	4.0	∞
94	43	Hambro Cntyw	43	-3	...	0.7	43.7
435	311	Hammerson	315 †	+4	...	4.0	31.6
390	298	Helical Bar	361	...	...	2.1	14.3
40½	29½	Hemingway	32½	...	...	1.5	55.8
76	28	Herring Baker	34	+6	...	3.7	...
311½	136½	Jermyn	160 †	...	...		
792	588	Land Sec	612	+1	...	4.9	17.4
122	87	Lon Merch Sec	87	...	...	6.0	12.8
16	8½	Lon & Metro	9	...	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	435	+2	...	5.7	25.0
13½	6	McInerney A	6	...	...		
190	164	McKay Secs	181 †	...	...	3.6	17.9
95	59	Merivale Mre	74 †	...	...	3.4	11.3
55	27	Moorfield Est	32	...	...	3.9	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1200	...	...	2.3	11.9
196	145	Muckow (A&J)	145	...	...	5.5	∞
59	27	OEM	27	...	...		
64	34	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
191	148	PSIT	150	-1	...	3.9	21.2
390	244	Peel	244 †	-1	...	2.3	∞
162	149	Pillar Prop	149	...	...	3.1	...
12½	4½	Power Corp	4½	...	...		
9½	5	Premier Land	5	-½	...		
53	32	Raglan	32	...	...	...	12.5
40	26	Regalian	26½	+½	...	...	10.0
180	140	Rowlinson Sec	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	107	Rugby Est	107 †	...	...	2.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Savile Grdn (I)	60 †	...	...	5.6	17.5
100	70	Savills	70	...	...	4.0	∞
108	82	Scot Met	84½	...	...	2.4	...
135	101	Shaftesbury	101	...	...		
17½	7½	Shield	7½	-½	...	...	3.9
307	221	Slough Estates	227 †	...	...	4.5	48.5
103	56	Southend Prop	56	-1	...	5.4	...
51	20	Stanhope Prps	20	...	...		
39	34	TBI	35½	...	...	...	1.9
244	170	Tops Ests	170 †	-2	...	1.6	40.5
163	119	Town Centre	119	...	...	3.7	21.3
107	91	Trafford Park	93	-1	...	4.3	∞
58	28	UK Land	47	...	...		
317	220	Warner	221 †	...	...	6.3	21.3
260	218	Warnford	228 ↓	...	...	4.2	18.8
7½	1½	Waterglade	2	...	...		
109½	63	Wates	64	...	...		
105	66	Wood John D	68	-1	...	3.7	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...		
173	163	Chamb Phipps	165	...	...	5.5	21.7
202½	140	Lambert	140 †	...	...	6.1	13.2
75	53	Pittards	67	-1	...	3.3	...
26	10	Strong & Fisher	22	...	...	5.7	15.0
181½	151½	Stylo	173 ↓	...	...	1.9	11.7
69	50½	UK Safety	52	-1	...	6.4	12.5

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	490	-3	...	3.3	15.0
71	51	Beckman (A)	51	...	...	8.8	10.9
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	17	...	...		
226	171	Br Mohair	195 †	...	...	5.4	20.0
385	292	Claremont Gp	295 †	+2	...	3.2	16.4
593	451	Courtauld Text	460 †	+1	...	3.9	18.3
159½	119	Dawson	139	...	...	2.0	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
80	72	Faupel	77	...	...	8.0	13.0
29	18	Foster (John)	18	...	...		
168	113	Gaskell	147 †	...	...	3.6	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	25½	-½	...	9.9	10.5
265	222	Hicking Pntcst	237	...	...	2.4	16.8
73	55	Jerome (S)	62 †	...	...	1.6	7.9
485	333	Lamont	333	-4	...	4.8	12.6
340	265	Leeds	278	-1	...	2.7	14.2
101	66	Lyles (S)	84	...	...	5.4	∞
266	178	Parkland	178	...	...	3.5	10.6
112	77½	Readicut	77½	-1½	...	5.5	13.3
70	46	SEET	46	...	...		
146	100	Sirdar	101	-1	...	7.0	14.1
64	50	Stirling Gp	58 †	...	...	4.1	16.0
46	33	Stoddard	34	...	...	5.9	12.8
330	215	Tomkinsons	215	...	...	6.7	20.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8
289	239	Yorklyde	270	-3	...	2.8	13.1

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	425 †	+1½	...	6.1	11.1
499	337	Rothmans	398	-13	...	4.1	21.2

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	262 †	-2	...	2.3	20.9
541½	440	BAA	473	+4	...	2.4	20.2
128	103½	Badgerline	117	-2	...	4.4	...
496½	344	Br Airways	366½	+3	...	3.9	11.2
108	75	Clarkson (H)	91	-1	...	2.4	22.7
592½	246	Eurotunnel Uts	267	+7	...		
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...		
155	126½	IOM Steam	130 †	...	...	4.2	0.9
63	34	Jacobs (JI)	55 †	...	...	3.6	...
111	90	Lon O'Seas Frs	90 †	...	...	5.3	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	398 †	...	...	3.0	19.3
347	245	Nall Express	318 †	...	...	3.0	18.4
291	157	NFC	176	-3	...	5.0	27.0
348	246	Ocean Group	250 †	-1	...	7.2	12.6
91	58	Ocean Wilson	73	...	...	5.5	9.4
743	597	P & O Dfd	608 †	-5	...	6.3	18.8
195	153	P & O 5.5%	194	...	...	3.5	...
705	540	Powell Duffryn	563	...	...	5.2	16.0
102	84	Seacon	97	+1	...	3.0	22.0
210	156	Stagecoach	210 †	...	...	2.4	20.9
131	89½	TNT	112	-2	...		
815	703	Tibbet & Britn	703 †	...	...	2.6	18.0
79	22	Tiphook	37	...	...		
327	199	TDG	199 †	+2	...	6.0	13.4
156	99	Ugland	135	...	...	0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	101 †	...	...	2.0	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	515	-8	...	5.5	13.4
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	330	...	...	4.4	11.1
751	508	Northumbrian	631	-16	...	4.6	6.6
611	454	North West	523	-5	...	5.5	7.8
645	457	Severn Trent	521	-4	...	5.5	7.3
682	466	Southern	538	-13	...	5.4	7.8
1740	1525	South Staffs	1730	-10	...	3.8	11.5
675	484	South West	511	...	...	6.2	7.5
611	434½	Thames	485	-2	...	5.8	8.4
744	546	Welsh	625	-6	...	5.1	6.9
759½	551	Wessex	578	-9	...	5.1	7.7
630	458	Yorkshire	494	-6	...	5.8	7.3

Source: Fitstat

● USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ♦ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; .. No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.96	5.56
107[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	101[illegible]	...	11.77	5.69
98[illegible]	97[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	98[illegible]xd	...	3.05	5.81
107[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.99	6.72
113[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.04	7.10
117[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.97	7.45
121[illegible]	111[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	111[illegible] †	-[illegible]	13.72	7.66
117[illegible]	108[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.26	7.77
112[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.65	8.04
121[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.01	8.17
114[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.02	8.21
110[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.68	8.40
131[illegible]	116[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	117 †	-[illegible]	12.82	8.58
114[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.45	8.63
106[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	96[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.55	8.60
103	93[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94[illegible]xd	+[illegible]	7.15	8.61
131[illegible]	115[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	115[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.11	8.88
140[illegible]	122[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	122[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.67	8.74
125[illegible]	110[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	110[illegible]	...	10.85	8.87
116[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.28	8.79

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	89[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.71	8.73
128[illegible]	111[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	112[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.93	8.92
121[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	106[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.90	8.89
121[illegible]	104[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.72	8.92
116[illegible]	99[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.95	8.86
136[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.06	9.04
106[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	90[illegible] †	-[illegible]	7.76	8.91
122[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.56	9.04
123[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.40	9.08
113[illegible]	92[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	94[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.48	8.96
127[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.45	9.04
129[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111	-[illegible]	10.36	9.20
86[illegible]	69[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71	-[illegible]	4.93	7.80
105[illegible]	84[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	86[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.85	8.87
125[illegible]	101[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	103[illegible] †	-[illegible]	9.19	8.99
125[illegible]	102[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	103[illegible]xd	-[illegible]	9.16	8.96
143[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	119[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.44	9.26
111[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	93[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.57	8.93
112[illegible]	90[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	91[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.43	8.87
136[illegible]	112[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.30	9.28
119[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	97[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.73	8.86
151[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	126[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.68	9.26
124[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	101[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.87	8.83

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	93[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.57	8.81
126[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	102[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.80	8.77
127[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	102[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.80	8.75
93[illegible]	71[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.55	8.48
114[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.49	8.69
117[illegible]	92	Treas 8% 2013	93[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.54	8.69
159[illegible]	126[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	128[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.36	8.91
128[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.68	8.67

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54[illegible]	39[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	40[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.67	...
37[illegible]	27[illegible]	Treas 2½%	28[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.84	..

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203[illegible]	197[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	198[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.95	4.26
113[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	106[illegible]xd	+[illegible]	2.92	3.72
176[illegible]	163[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.41	3.82
173[illegible]	159[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.52	3.85
118[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108[illegible] †	...	3.51	3.82
184[illegible]	165[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	167[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.60	3.84
168[illegible]	149[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151[illegible]	...	3.69	3.85
175[illegible]	154[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.66	3.86
148[illegible]	126[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.68	3.86
157[illegible]	134[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.72	3.89
152[illegible]	129[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131[illegible] †	+[illegible]	3.76	3.90
129[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.74	3.87
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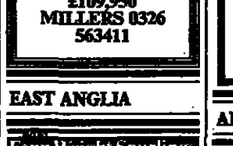
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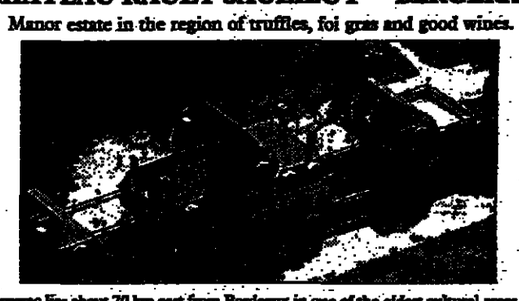
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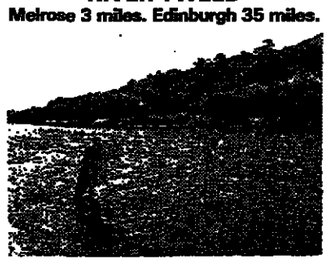
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Will Blair hit a home run on housing?

As Labour announces its housing policy, **Rachel Kelly** asks the experts for their views on the party's plans

The Labour Party conference is upon us, and speculation about the party's likely impact on the housing market among property professionals has stirred.

The housing world is on a charm-offensive. Lobby groups and company chiefs want Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, to address their conferences; the House Builders Federation has met John Battle, Labour's shadow housing spokesman. The view in the building world is that the Tories' reign could be over and that it is best to start building bridges.

And Labour has been doing its homework. Mr Battle has made 100 visits to housebuilders, the City, lenders and tenants' groups in Bristol, Birmingham, Bradford, Leeds and Taunton in his efforts to find out where government policies are most vulnerable.

Housing, Mr Battle says, will play a central role in Labour's economic battle and should be fully integrated into economic policy, rather than split into different issues dealt with by different government departments such as Social Security and Environment. An initial policy document, *Secure Homes*, is still being worked on and the final version is expected to be launched at next year's party conference.

The aim will be to smooth out the booms and busts that have made the housing market such a roller-coaster for homeowners over the past few years in favour of steady growth. So far, so predictable: the Conservatives would claim that they too wish for steady growth.

But Labour's means are different. The swings would be ironed out by matching housebuilding supply to demand by using Environment Department data to identify areas that need new homes. The consensus says Labour is that there is a shortage of housing and 100,000 new homes need to be built, funded partly by a planned release of £6.2 billion of capital receipts and private sector investment. But Labour is making no promises on the precise numbers of homes it could build.

Like the Conservatives, Labour wants to get private finance into housing to fund its building programme. It says that institutional funds would be invested in social housing through capitalised intermediary bodies, set up by the Government, akin to bodies set up by Ronald Reagan in America in the 1980s. Such organisations would be guaranteed a good return on their investment. The Government could raise or lower the levels of guarantee to pension funds that back housebuilding, thereby helping to control supply.

Builders would be urged to show potential homeowners the long-term running costs.

Everyone in the housing world would welcome an improvement in housing's profile as an issue. As Mr Battle says, the Government has downplayed the importance it attaches to the issue recently, witness the latest Cabinet reshuffle in which housing was added to the portfolio of David Curry, the Local Government Minister. The director of the House Builders Federation was recently refused a meeting with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to discuss the faltering market.

> Most in the housing world are reserving their judgment

However, as Alan Cherry, the chairman of the housebuilders Countryside, says, it is easy to suggest what might be done but that Government has to work within funding constraints. Labour has yet to declare firm spending pledges and Mr Battle is nervous of spelling out too much detail at this stage.

Most people who work in the housing world are reserving judgment on Labour until the party has put more meat on its policies; not just the housing-specific ones but its economic agenda more generally. Mr Battle himself says that Labour will develop its policies in the run-up to the next election. Meanwhile, at right is a snapshot poll of industry responses.

SIMON TOWNSLEY



Tony Blair reviews a speech in the garden of his house in Islington, north London. How would the homes market be affected by Labour government policies?

Hugh Dunsmore-Hardy
Chief executive, National Association of Estate Agents

HISTORICALLY, the housing market has not performed much worse during a period of a Labour government but Labour might let inflation rise and be more relaxed on public spending, which could lead to a more dramatic rise in house prices than we are currently seeing.

Richard Gayner
Carter Jonas, estate agents

IF Tony Blair wins the next election, the market will go quiet while people wait to find out what his taxation policies really are. Previous Labour governments stoked up inflation, which was good for property. But foreign interest will dry up if the tax climate is unfriendly. High personal tax would increase demand for small houses.

Linda Beaney
Beaney Pearce, estate agents

THE initial impact of a new administration, which is geared to higher direct tax on high earners, could be a honeymoon period, followed by individuals and corporations reconsidering their commitment to the UK.

Brian D'Arcy Clark
Chesterfield, estate agents

UP TO, during and immediately after the election, the market will go into a period of inertia for six to nine months. Rights to enfranchise are expected to be extended with legislation in favour of tenants and lessees. Inflation would probably rise because of greater public spending, and property prices will rise.

Geoff Cutting
Small Landlords Association

JUST where Labour's policy for the private rented sector will eventually settle nobody yet knows. But there will be pressure to revert to policies that previously were widely considered unfair. A shift in public expenditure to favour local authority and other social housing is one inevitable consequence of Labour.

Gary Marsh
Head of research, Halifax

WE DO not believe that the political differences between the two main parties will greatly affect housing. The Halifax thinks that the economy has a stronger influence over house prices and sales volumes, and that Labour would keep a tight rein on inflation in its efforts to keep in line with Europe.

James Dean
Head of investment, Savills Commercial

LABOUR's public expenditure plans are likely to fuel the economy and to lead to higher inflation. Its proposals for major investment in infrastructure, particularly in public transport, will also increase property values. Tighter planning controls would improve prospects for the investment market.

Roger Humber
Chief executive, House Builders Federation

LABOUR traditionally emphasises the importance of building new housing, especially for those on low incomes. But Chris Smith, shadow Environment Secretary, has produced the Green Agenda, in support of the environment, which the HBF believes is against new development.

Council of Mortgage Lenders

THE most important factor affecting house prices should Labour win power is how confident people would feel under the new administration. At present, the council can see no reasons for dramatic change should Labour win. The council would expect Labour to keep inflation under control, which should keep house prices stable.

Robert Jordan
Chairman, Association of Residential Letting Agents

LABOUR seems to be suggesting that it wants a return to the ghettoes of subsidised housing and regulated rents. The first task of a Labour government should be to restore confidence to private landlords by showing a belief in the validity of a private rented sector.

Home work for pupils

Schools are giving lessons in how to find a place to live

SUSAN WASONS



Alex Elliott, 14, and his teacher, David Bailey

Schoolchildren are being taught how to find somewhere to live in an effort to reduce the numbers of homeless youngsters. Recent research found that many pupils in the final year of secondary school did not understand terms such as semi-detached or comprehend what renting entailed.

Housing officers from St Edmundsbury Borough Council in Suffolk have been co-operating with teachers in local schools to produce materials for Bury St Edmunds schools. About 600 pupils, aged 14 to 15, also had the chance to talk to architects and planners at school. Two of the schools had a day of housing activities. "The results," says Stephen Cook, the council's chief housing officer, "were very satisfactory. We hope to use housing as a vehicle to deliver much of the national curriculum. We are the first borough to offer a comprehensive approach to housing with the intention of raising housing literacy for school leavers."

Alex Elliott, 14, was one of the 250 pupils at County Upper to take part in its housing project, in which pupils planned the development of a site of homes for sale. This included choosing the site and considering infrastructure and costings.

Alex says: "As part of a group, I designed the estate, where the houses went and how the streets were placed. I have never done anything like that before. My father is a quantity surveyor, but I still didn't know anything about the subject before. I would like to do more — it's certainly opened my eyes to what housing and estates are all about."

This term, another five schools will teach housing education. Mr Cook says: "Several schools have said 'Can we have a go?', which is encouraging, given the pressure on teachers to deliver the national curriculum."

The council also hopes to reach the wider community about housing matters. One plan is to educate staff at do-it-yourself shops such as B&Q so that when people buy insulating products, for example, they are given a leaflet to apply for an insulation grant.

A couple of the builders have also been involved recently in trying to raise schoolchildren's awareness of housing issues. Beazer Homes last year ran a painting competition about safety on building sites, for primary and secondary schools, and Laing Homes has run two school competitions on energy efficiency and safety in the home.

Katrina Dunbar of Shelter, the housing charity, says: "The subjects of housing and homelessness should be addressed while still at school.

"Shelter produced a special pack for school teachers to use in lessons as part of the curriculum last year, on both homelessness and what to do if children are thinking of leaving home. The kits were sent to every secondary school and this year we are sending another set to primary schools."

Young people may have little choice about whether or not they leave home. But they are likely to fare better if they are aware of what options are open to them. And when the time comes to buy your first home, you need to be armed with all the facts. A home is the biggest purchase we ever make, yet when we do it for the first time, we seem to know the least about the subject.

MARY WILSON

Trainspotter's signal delight

LAPPAS



Estate agent Emma Hodgson at the Topsham station

A LISTED signal box at Topsham, near Exeter in Devon, is being offered for £50 a week. Would-be tenants will have to contend with the noise of trains hurtling past twice an hour, *Rachel Kelly writes*. The one-room, 365 sq ft wooden building is Victorian, Grade II listed, and has its own wood-burning stove and chimney.

The owner, the BR Property Board, says the box is no longer needed to control the level crossing in the estuary town because computers have taken over.

Mark Stobbs, Exeter City Council's conservation officer, says: "The signal box was built in the 1870s and could be difficult to maintain because it is all timber."

Paul Hodgson, who is organising the lease of the box, says: "It has been used as an office by a man running a telecommunications business, but he has given it up. Topsham is a conservation area so British Rail could not demolish the box, as it initially intended. It used to be a lovely little building with all the old levers in it and a wind-up telephone. But computerisation meant that it no longer needed to be manned.

"The local Sprinter trains go past twice an hour on the Exeter to Exmouth branch line. You have to walk to the box over the platform. Half a dozen people have already expressed an interest in leasing it. It can be used only as a commercial office; it cannot be lived in."

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Going metric for the day

Tomorrow is National Poetry Day. Nicolette Jones prepares for the orgy of readings and parties that will celebrate the noble art. But is it what poetry needs?

Ambitious poetry promotions are not new. It all began in the 1980s with Faber's "poetry train", carrying bards to readings all over the country. That is now a commonplace publicity stunt, but then it was considered newsworthy enough to make the dailies. Then, a few years later, there was a week of "Poetry Live" events that included poets reading on Waterloo Station. They were almost inaudible to all but an adjacent few, thanks to the acoustics and the background din. One passer-by, canvassed for his opinion of the performance, said: "I think I heard the word 'jellybabies'."

During the same week poets read to an audience that was supposed to fill the Albert Hall and didn't. The pit was reasonably crowded, but around it was a gulf of empty seats that left the Poetry Society (the organisers) in serious debt.

Around this time the determination of the writer Judith Chernaik also brought poems (very successfully) into the unsold advertising spaces on London Underground trains. And in the 1990s we have seen initiatives in print, in clubs, on television and on radio, and the establishment of the South Bank's spectacular biennial international poetryfests.

Last December, moreover, 20 poets selected by a panel chaired by Melvyn Bragg were labelled and promoted as the "New Generation", and a few of their works were read on Radio 1. Each of these ventures has been hailed as symptomatic of a poetry boom, or at least a jib that changed the direction of the craft.

But this week sees the most ambitious poetry promotion yet. Tomorrow is the first National Poetry Day. Between rosy-fingered dawn and the witching time of night you may be handed a poem with rail tickets, or with a doctor's prescription. You might receive a few verses with a delivery of flowers, or read some on a beer mat. If you are commuting from Berkhamsted a schoolchild may offer you a poem. Or in Nottingham you could have one read to you on the bus.

Throughout Scotland, poems will be distributed in all branches of Marks and Spencer. Nationally they will be handed over with the blushful Hippocrene by Oddbins off-licences. There will be exhibitions, launch parties, lectures, readings, quizzes, poetry posters and workshops from Aldeburgh to Warrington.

In Bristol you may come across poems in banks or swimming pools or hospitals, with the launch of a Poetry in Public Places project called "Writing on the Wall". There will be readings all day in Warwick Library, in Waterstone's bookshops in Birmingham and Leeds, in Ottakar's in Lincoln, in Covent Garden Piazza and at the National Theatre.

In the Purcell Room in the evening, James Fox and friends will present a gala tribute to Yeats, Eliot, Auden, Plath, Larkin and others. Meanwhile a live poetry jukebox, in the person of Nicholas Baumfield, will be on tour in Northumberland libraries: you will be able to select recitations from a given list of poems, but, like a real jukebox, if you don't make a choice he will keep repeating something irritating.

The BBC is also joining in. The presentation of the £10,000 Forward Poetry prize will be televised on BBC2 (7.20pm), and Radio 1's *Into the Night* (10pm) and Radio 4's *Kaleidoscope* (4.05pm and 9.30pm) will be devoted to appropriate celebrations. Furthermore, poetry will sneak into such otherwise prosaic programmes as *Crimewatch* and *Newsnight*. There will be few lives on Thursday that are not infiltrated by at least a stanza. Or at least, that is the organisers' hope.

All this activity is generated by the initiative of one man, William Sieghart, an Oxford graduate in his thirties who is evangelical about his own particular hobby. Poetry is not his metier; he read philosophy, politics and economics at university and now runs a publishing company that specialises in house magazines for businesses. But he says poetry has been a "mainstay" in his life, in "grieving and romancing," a friend and companion".

> "50 per cent of people claim to have written a poem in their adult life"

Inspired by a 1959 anthology — of poems submitted for a prize sponsored by Guinness, which included Auden, Larkin and MacNeice — he established his own poetry prize last year (the Forward) and publishes collections of the best of the year's submissions. The second, *The Forward Book of Poetry 1995*, is out tomorrow. National Poetry Day was an idea he dreamt up in the bath: the Arts Council (the sponsor), the Poetry Society, the BBC, Waterstone's and Oddbins all responded to his enthusiasm. Thereafter, he says, he "spawned a monster".

Sieghart cites a statistic that 50 per cent of people claim to have written a poem in their adult life. That 6,000 recipients of 20,000 leaflets given out by Waterstone's sent off for more details of the National Poetry Day is, he believes, proof of enormous untapped enthusiasm. His aim, he says, is "to break down the barriers and embarrassment often associated with reading poetry aloud. National Poetry Day is a call to arms to give everyone who loves poetry the chance to express themselves in verse." He also admits he would be happy if it caused more people to go out and buy poetry.

Everything is clearly in place for a ubiquitous jamboree, and the scale of involvement is itself an achievement. One thing niggles, though. There is no way of ensuring that what people encounter, or produce, on the day, is invariably good poetry. Doggerel may have its day. The impression that "anybody can do it" may actually devalue the art.

Michael Schmidt of the distinguished poetry publisher Carcanet, who "hates the big, grinning face of marketing," is worried. "What poetry really requires is an intelligent, sensitive, critical response. Since Poetry Live in 1987, the review culture for poetry is in decline: these promotions make editors believe they have spent enough time on poetry when they have covered the razzmatazz. No one talks, for instance, about technical developments."

He believes the response to poetry is increasingly journalistic, the emphasis increasingly on the poet, not the poem, and on performance. The poems that do best in this context are "easy on the ear and easy to respond to"; the vogue, he says, is for "little stories that depend on the delivery and are dead on the page", and the most successful poets are those who can make something of any material.

Schmidt cites the popular performance poet Henry Normal, who is "a wonderful performer" but a "terrible poet". It is, he argues, not enough to reach a wider audience. Selling bad poetry "destroys the delicate critical ecology" of poetry. The sense of how to judge and appreciate it is undermined.

That may be a viewpoint shared by many in the poetry world, though most will think better of expressing it this week. Chris Meade of the Poetry Society believes that the effect of National Poetry Day will be to teach the public that "it is easy to write a poem but extremely difficult to write a good one", because they will hear more of the "deceptively good stuff". But he also thinks that "the world of literature has to accept that a lot of people are engaged by things that are not the most literary". The aim is to "provide stepping stones" between one extreme and the other. Perhaps we shall only know whether we benefited as a nation when we recollect all this emotion in tranquillity.

● *For information about tomorrow's events, contact Jocelyn Bond on 071-734 2303*



POP

Shirley's night of rapture

THUNDEROUS applause, a whole section of the stalls rising as one, bouquets and subdued roaring from the less inhibited — and that was before Shirley Bassey even opened her mouth. Looking a youthful 42 — she is in fact 57: this is her "40th Anniversary Tour" — and dressed in the obligatory backless, figure-hugging dress liberally embellished with tassels, Bassey then proceeded to demonstrate that her audiences merely idle in discreet rapture: once the concert really gets underway, they move swiftly up through the emotional gears, cruising in delirium and eventually arriving at total, adoring surrender.

The first of six sell-out Festival Hall concerts began with a statement of intent: "I was born to sing forever", moved quickly on through an acknowledgement of the audience's generosity — " 'S Wonderful" — and then settled into a beautifully paced and skilfully selected routine of famous hits interspersed with standards and show tunes. Backed by a 30-piece orchestra led by Michael Alexander, which included timpani to emphasise the truly dramatic or the playfully sexy moments, the Bassey voice seems unaffected by the passing years, still the perfect vehicle for the self-questioning ballads and strident celebrations of trials overcome which have always been her trademarks.

Shirley Bassey
Festival Hall

Most of the famous songs received an airing: George Harrison's "Something", her first memorable hit (leaving "The Banana Boat Song" aside) "Kiss Me Honey, Honey Kiss Me", "I (Who Have Nothing)" and the inevitable "Big Spender" — all were delivered with irresistible enthusiasm and apparently effortless artistry. Sprinkled among them were standards — "New York, New York", "The Lady is a Tramp", "When I Fall In Love" (this last a duet with a Michael Ball in somewhat uncertain voice) — and, from her latest album dedicated to Andrew Lloyd Webber songs, *Sunset Boulevard*'s "As If We Never Said Goodbye" and "With One Look". It is probably the highest compliment payable to Bassey's art to note that she was able to imbue these latter two songs — both entirely unremarkable, even banal tunes packed with saccharine and cliché — with genuinely affecting pathos.

The superbly controlled power and emotional resonance of the voice aside, Bassey's really astonishing gift is her unrivalled ability to establish and maintain a deep but easy rapport with her audience, and by the time she had sung her third encore, "I Am What I Am" (her first was a stunningly powerful version of "I Want To Know What Love Is"), they were standing five or six deep in front of the stage, gazing up at her, enraptured. It's not that she's back in top form — for her true fans, she's clearly never been away.

CHRIS PARKER

ROCK: Two mainstream veterans prove that private troubles are no obstacle to public success

Note of discretion

Chris de Burgh
Albert Hall

LAST week he was in Beirut. Later this month he will be rocking the Kremlin. And in between, Chris de Burgh is fitting in a five-night residency at the Albert Hall, where on Monday the bars and pre-performance corridors were buzzing with the discussion of the recent tabloid revelations about his domestic affairs.

But this salacious subtext to his first appearance at the venue in 13 years remained exactly that — a subtext. From the stage there was a single brief aside about the media, on one occasion a visual backdrop of newspaper mastheads, but otherwise discretion maintained an upper hand. Which seemed to suit the faithful well. One sensed that loyalties were very much with the performer.

Two distinct styles seem to exist within the now veteran Irish singer's repertoire. From the days before he reached middle-market universality, there survive some ambitious if anachronistic mini-epics — narrative songs like "Spanish Train", "Brother John" and "Don't Pay The Ferryman", grandiose enough to sustain their inevitable accompaniment of dry ice and other assorted stage pyrotechnics, and delivered here with what seemed to me a knowing hint of self-parody. But to the fore elsewhere in a generously long programme was the more radio-friendly pop-rock sound which has characterised his later direction and which preceded his ascent to stadium status.

From the current album, *This Way Up*, tracks such as the recent hit, "Blonde Hair, Blue Jeans", and a new single, "Here In Your Paradise", illustrated the singer-songwriter's understanding of and facility with mainstream material. And while an "Unplugged" section late in the set proved his ability to hold an audience with just voice and guitar, a determinedly upbeat performance was based mainly on sweeping lyricism and catchy tunes, played to theatrical effect by a strong five-piece band.



Chris de Burgh: master of two distinct musical styles

The tabloid representatives seemed disappointed that there were no on-stage tears to accompany his signature song, "The Lady In Red", here dispatched earlier in the evening than has previously been usual, but de Burgh's more natural constituents spilt out into the Kensington night with dreamy satisfaction.

ALAN JACKSON

Awoken by the horns

Phil Collins
NEC Birmingham

"I'M GOING to get this out of the way, right now," said Phil Collins about three songs into his British tour. Good. Now we can too. "Someone told me I've been in the papers once or twice." Collective laughter. "Just don't believe everything you read." Collective applause.

Thanks to the daily press updates on his tangled romantic web, the already omnipresent everyman of rock has been even more in our faces this summer. Not by his own choosing this time, but it is years since the country was granted a national holiday from the indestructibly popular entertainer.

Solo album, tour, live album: Genesis album, tour, live album; solo album and tour, and on it goes. Next in the loop is the inevitable "Unplugged" television show and record. The uncommitted may be wondering how they can say they miss him if he won't go away.

But on this hundredth night of the current spectacular, and first of 16 British shows that reach into mid-December, Brum was on his side. Eventually. In a set of two halves, Collins did not press home his advantage until midway through the second period, securing the points after playing four key substitutes in the form of a horn section.

A crack band featuring such old pals as Nathan East (bass) and Daryl Stuermer (guitar) was nicely spruced by the addition of two of the finest backing vocalists on the circuit, Arnold McCuller and Amy Keys, further focal points in an ambitious but over-elaborate stage design, a kind of wasted city setting with a hotel sign, a projection screen and a great deal of metal.

Emerging from a workman's hut in his usual shirtsleeves and studied insouciance, Collins's first choice, "I Don't Care Anymore" from *Hello, I Must Be Going!*, was deliberate and defiant. But even after his air-clearing speech, he seemed tour weary, even world weary. On some selections, his trademark, ordinary-Joe diffidence appeared to carry the weight of the previous 99 performances.

After finally assuming the keyboards for "One More Night" and "Groovy Kind of Love", Collins made an unsuccessful attempt to wake the crowd with "Both Sides of the Story", but the audience breakthrough came with "In The Air Tonight" immediately after the interval. The horns kicked into the upbeat nostalgia of "Easy Lover" and a closing salvo of "You Can't Hurry Love", "Two Hearts" and "Sussudio" carried one more day in the endless media assault.

PAUL SEXTON





TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

WHAT A PERFORMANCE First night of previews for David Suchet's sublimely funny performance as Sid Field. William Humble's superior stage bio of a comic genius; first staged at The Drum, Plymouth, earlier this year.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). From tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Oct 12, 7pm.

THE VENETIAN TWINS: Opening night for Michael Bogdanov's hugely popular and mightily boisterous production of Goldoni's comedy of errors, from last year's Stratford. David Troughton plays both twins; Ranjit Bolt translates.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm. Then tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm.

CLORE GALLERY The official gallery for the Tate's collection of works by Turner re-opens today. The redesign does allow significantly more paintings to be displayed — some 170 at any one time. The former Watercolour Room is now devoted to a biographical introduction to Turner's life and times, including his *Self-Portrait c1800*.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-887 8000). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm. Sun, 2pm-5.50pm.

ELSEWHERE

BOLTON. The Octagon's new studio theatre, named after Bill Naughton, the author of *Alfie*, opens with Dennis Potter's **Brimstone and Treacle**, once banned by the BBC. Nick Murchie is the satanic young visitor, played by Sting in the film. Jake Lushington directs.
Bill Naughton, Octagon, Howell Croft South (0204 20661). Previews tonight and opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm until Oct 29.

IPSWICH A British premiere of **Flat Spin**. Franco Brusati's comedy about a covetable Milan apartment owned by a middle-aged man who wonders whether to start an affair or do a deal with the Mafiosa downstairs. Caroline Smith directs.
Wolsey Studio, Civic Drive (0473 253725). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 4pm and 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm. Until Oct 22.

MANCHESTER The **RSC** continues its journeys with its unique travelling auditorium for an eight-month tour of **Henry VI, The Battle for the Throne**. Katie Mitchell's production vividly recreates the futile horror of civil war. *Jonathan Firth makes his RSC debut in the title role.*
Upper Campfield Market, Deansgate (061-242 2555). Tonight-Sat, 7pm, mat Thurs and Sat, 1.30pm.

LIVERPOOL Meanwhile, more Shakespeare, if of a very different sort. Barrie Rutter's Northern Broadsides company gives the north-country touch to **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. A few rough edges but overall heartening and exhilarating.
Everyman, Hope Street (051-709 4776). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Thur, 2.30pm and Fri, 2pm.

LEEDS Jeremy Sams and Michael Wilcox have tackled Chabrier's *Le Roi malgré lui* for **Opera North**'s first ever UK stagings of the "grand opera-comique". First seen at the Edinburgh Festival, the setting has shifted from Poland to Moldavia and the reluctant king in question has become a 20th-century revolutionary dedicated to ousting his own royal family. Much inspired and highly melodious music, with the excellent Paul Daniel conducting.
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☐ ***THE DAY THE BRONX DIED.*** Michael Henry Brown's tough but old-fashioned "message" play about urban violence, mainly set in 1968 before the death of Martin Luther King.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2pm and Sat 4pm.

◪ **DESIGN FOR LIVING** Clive Owen, Paul Rhys and Rachel Weisz in Coward's defence of the *menage à trois*. The evening is a lot of fun though Sean Mathias trumpets the bisexuality where Coward only hinted.
Donmar Warehouse Earlham Street, WC2 (071-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats *Thurs and Sat, 3pm*.

☐ **THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE** Christopher Morahan's excellant staging of Shaw's study of honour, true and hypocritical, in the American War of Independence. Strong performances from, among others, Richard Bonneville, Paul Jesson, Daniel Massey.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-tomorrow, 7.15pm.

◪ **THE MORTAL ASH** Richard Cameron's shrewd portrait of a Yorkshire family victims of a hate campaign. Perceptive and warm, well worth seeing.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BAD BOY BUBBY (18): Australian director Rolf de Heer's inventive and disturbing tale of a 35-year-old innocent at large. With Nicholas Hope.
MGM Fulham Road ◪ (071-370 2636) **Plaza** ◪ (0800 888997) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **Warner** ◪ (437 4343)

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THE RED SQUIRREL (18): Fresh and frisky anti-machismo frolic by rising Spanish director Julio Medem. With Emma Suarez and Nancho Novo.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **CITY SLICKERS II** (12): Overly disjointed sequel to the 1991 hit, with Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Jon Lovitz and Jack Palance. Paul Weiland directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. Philip Noyce directs the best Jack Ryan adventure so far.
Empire ◪ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **COLOR OF NIGHT** (18): Tawdry, unpleasant erotic thriller, with Bruce *Willis as a therapist dogged by a* murderer. With Jane March, director, Richard Rush.
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FAUST: Czech surrealist Jan Svankmajer's clever but ultimately tedious treatment of the legend. Live action plus stop-motion animation.
Everyman ◪ (071-435 1525) **ICA** ◪ (071-930 3647)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15): *Mike Newell's smart* social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG): Hick becomes company boss. Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell.
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MR JONES (15): Contrived romantic drama about a manic depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Lena Olin). Director, Mike Figgis.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

SMOKING/NO SMOKING (PG): Ayckbourn adapted into French by Alain Resnais: exquisitely turned, but the artifice gets wearing. With Sabine Azéma and Pierre Arditi.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Minema** (071-235 4225)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15): Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown summer fun with Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, James Cameron.
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◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia, director, Luis Mandoki.
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THEATRE: Three contemporary plays — by Tim Firth, Biyi Bandele-Thomas, Bonnie Greer

Four go mad in Lake District

Neville's Island
Apollo

IT WAS Trinculo who said that, if the island of *The Tempest* was peopled with the likes of Caliban and himself, the state would totter. A similar thought struck me as Tim Firth's darkish comedy neared its close. One middle manager was sitting in a tree, stripped to his underpants and endlessly intoning the first line of an upbeat song from *Oklahoma!*, while two others were sprawled in the mud, slugging away at each other. If this is British industry in the 1990s, my advice to you is to emigrate to some well-run place like Ukraine, Colombia or maybe Haiti.

The play opens as it is to continue, with Firth's four characters sploshing and staggering onto Lez Brotherston's splendidly spooky set. They are in the Lake District, taking part in an outdoor adventure course organised by their company as a test of resourcefulness. In a few hours they are supposed to be describing their experiences to top management at a "mutual assessment round-robin". As it is, they have misinterpreted their instructions, gone the wrong way by boat instead of the right way by land, and ended up shipwrecked on a tiny, deserted island on Windermere without so much as a bar of Kendal mint cake between them.

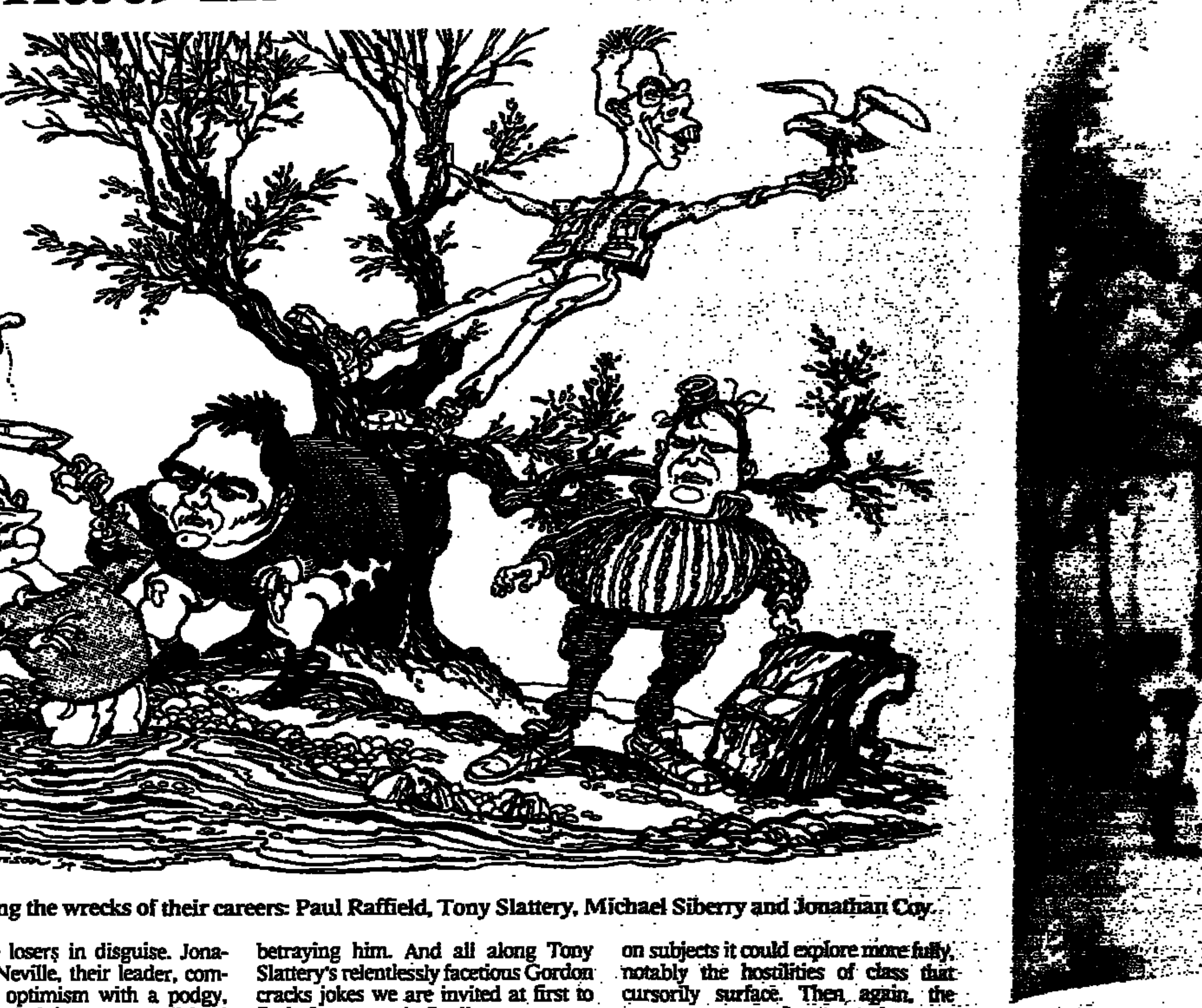
Jeremy Sams, whose direction is otherwise impeccable, seems blithely unaware that men get very cold at night in the foggy English North West, especially when half-drowned. But I suppose he decided it was better to ask us to suspend disbelief a little further than usual than to present us with two-and-a-half hours of palpitating gooseflesh and chattering teeth.

The reward is a good look at a fresh if not original talent. The play's tone owes much to Ayckbourn, at whose Scarborough theatre it was premiered; but somewhere on its DNA there is also a gift for comic dialogue and characterisation that is Firth's own.

Ayckbourn-style, all four would-be winners are losers in disguise. Jonathan Coy's Neville, their leader, combines ritual optimism with a podgy, flummoxed helplessness. Michael Siberry's Roy, manifestly several dozen files short of a full directory, is the one who ends up chanting "there's a bright golden haze on the meadow" while bird-watching. Paul Raffield's Angus fusses obsessively, first over myriad gadgets, then over the wife whom he decides on slim evidence must be betraying him. And all along Tony Slattery's relentlessly facetious Gordon cracks jokes we are invited at first to find funny and finally to see as evidence of a sour, nihilistic spirit.

A sausage materialises from nowhere, only to tumble into the filthy lake-water; an imaginary wild beast is implausibly stalked through the Windermere tundra; suicide and even murder threaten; yet the play still feels short of incident. Moreover, it touches on subjects it could explore more fully, notably the hostilities of class that cursorily surface. Then, again, the quartet's eventual retreat to near-barbarism seems over-calculated. Yet here is a new dramatist trying, and almost managing, to rewrite *The Lord of the Flies* as a satire on British bumblers and industrial Pooters. That, surely, is a feat to welcome.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Surveying the wrecks of their careers: Paul Raffield, Tony Slattery, Michael Siberry and Jonathan Coy

Coruscating study in corruption

Resurrections
Cochrane

BIYI Bandele-Thomas is a prolific young Nigerian writer of novels, plays and film scripts, and though his credits do not mention the fact he is surely a poet. He has a poetic imagination for the telling phrase and potent image.

This play is not likely to be chosen by his country's present rulers for issue to schools. It declares that corruption is endemic at every level of society. Businessmen become millionaires by drug-dealing; a defence counsel bribes a judge. Money does not just talk, it drowns out all else. One young criminal envies the previous generation's luck: "All that oil money to steal."

On the bare stage for the opening scene a vulture stares down at partygoers from a leafless tree. This image of death-in-waiting may have been dreamt up by the director, Yvonne Brewster, or the designer Ellen Cairns. But if it is not Bandele-Thomas's own contribution, it speaks from the heart of his play. His Judge Bassey, mellifluously spoken by Don Warrington, sits on his scarlet chair, fingering objects on a table that rests on the head of a kneeling woman, a servant who must represent the subject population. And when his scene is over he is raised into the air and hovers there, a human vulture.

The party scene, set in the garden of the master drug-dealer BB (Ben Thomas) suffers from a diffuseness. The author's partiality for an oblique approach lands him in difficulties when he has to convey background information or the precise nature of relationships. Nor is Ben Thomas's manner of speaking, though it recalls James Mason's villain in *North by Northwest*, really enough to impress us with his supposed villainy.

However, this scene includes one telling episode that hints at the qualities to follow when the bodyguard (Colin McFarlane, excellent) is visited by his reproving grandfather. He has been dead for years but is seen not only by his grandson but by BB's mistress. Ancestors are forces for good visible to all with eyes to see them.

Against all expectation, BB is sentenced to death and executed — vultures on stilts stalk around his body — but the play's epilogue adds a happy end that could be merrily hopeful or the cynicism of despair. BB rises from the grave to become his country's messiah, curing the blind (a significant choice of miracle) and, though himself corrupt, combating corruption. Working on several levels, the play confirms that Talawa Theatre Company chose well in making Bandele-Thomas its resident dramatist.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Dirty dealing: Ben Thomas and Angela Wynter in *Resurrections*

Sisters in supernatural strife

Dancing on Blackwater
Warehouse, Croydon

GIVE me strength. That is the inner cry of the young women in Bonnie Greer's play, forging identities as black sisters raised as middle-class Brits and struggling to shake off the influence of their mothers, including memories of maternal suicide. But regrettably, this dramatisation, inattentively directed by Joan-Ann Maynard, for Black Theatre Co-operative, is also an endurance test.

The play, in a cottage setting, aims to voice dissimilar black females' responses to their roots. Greer depicts real social phenomena, but sections her characters into such black-and-white types that the play doesn't ring true.

Carolyn (Sandra James-Young) appears to be Ms Career Woman. Bossing her business partner around on her portable phone (unless *someone's left it backstage*), and pushing through the sale of her late mother's home, Carolyn excludes calls of the heart and exudes confidence. Lisette, her stuttering sibling, clinging to her recollections, is *chronically reclusive*.

Then they swap overnight. Thanks to a brief session of supernatural contact which brings an all-explaining last conversation with mummy back to the surface, Lisette is miraculously transfigured into a self-assured, supportive soul. "We've come through," she confirms (Jacqueline de Peza coping valiantly with the unconvincing). Meanwhile Carolyn, giving rein to her *suppressed obsession with the* past, is going under.

Greer's psychological structuring is pure mathematics. Her creations air ideas rather than converse. The play interestingly contemplates reincarnations of enslavement. But reciting Shakespeare's "Being your slave" isn't subtle.

The folktale elements (contrary sisters) and the paranormal dimensions (spooked English country house) don't feel sincerely integrated. Unbelievably, two strangers — financially downbeat Mrs B, a bossy matriarch, and her *silent but strong daughter* — just wander into the cottage on a pilgrimage to Canterbury.

KATE BASSETT

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Glimpses of a lost Tudor glory



FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM

This 17th-century Flemish-school painting shows Nonsuch Palace in its full glory during James I's reign. Built by Henry VIII from 1538, its fairy-tale towers of gold and white were demolished in the 1680s

Today excavated artefacts from Henry VIII's great Surrey palace go on show in London. **Alison Beckett** evokes the short-lived splendour of life at Nonsuch

A hump in the ground in a park near Ewell in Surrey may not seem much to show for a palace of fairy-tale splendour, of gold and white towers and fabulous gardens, once renowned throughout the known world. But proof of its existence goes on view at Jonathan Horne's Kensington gallery today. Its name was Nonsuch, and there was nothing quite like it.

The exhibition reveals fragments of astonishing architecture, glass and pottery. They evoke the richness of this Tudor palace, built by Henry VIII but razed to the ground more than 300 years ago. Excavated in 1959, most of the pieces have long remained hidden in boxes and have only just been restored.

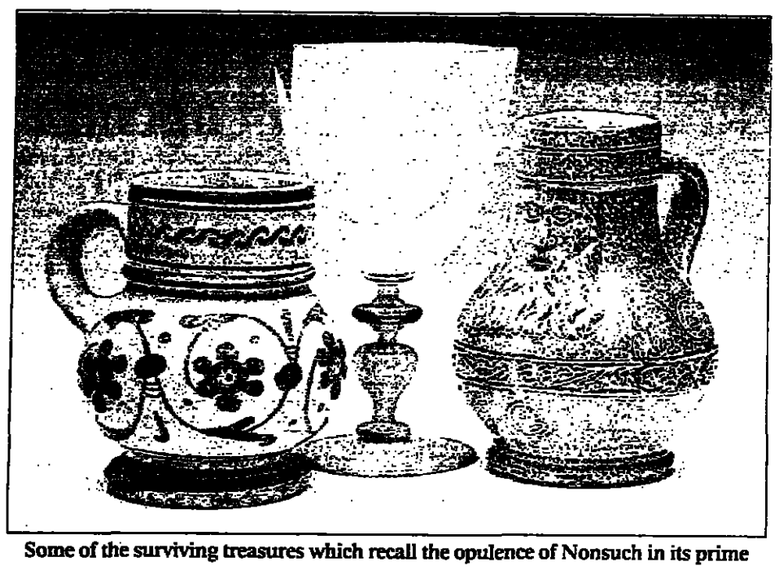
"Nonsuch is one of the great lost treasures of England. I want people to see what an exciting, romantic place it was," says Horne, a specialist in early English ceramics who became so entranced by Nonsuch that he has sponsored the conservation of the finds (held under the jurisdiction of the Museum of London) to put on the exhibition. He adds: "It is a tragedy that not more is known, that almost all the contents were dispersed."

The palace was created over the demolished village of Cuddington, which happened to be in the way of Henry's plans for a hunting lodge to outstrip anything his French rival, Francis I, could possibly imagine. Construction began in 1538. Records reveal that some 500 workmen arrived, plus 3,600 tons of stone — conveniently removed from Merton Priory near by, thanks to the dissolution of the monasteries — followed by 15,000ft of floorboards and a quarter of a million nails. That was just the start.

The decoration was extravagant to the point of vulgarity. The entire south side was covered in white stucco panels set in frames of carved and gilded slate. Figures of all kinds adorned every nook and cranny. Elaborate stucco gods and goddesses almost leapt off the walls (according to the contemporary account of a local rector). An Italian and his company, lured from the employ of Francis at Fontainebleau, were probably responsible for much of the design. Frenchmen laid out the exquisite Italianate gardens.

Henry visited Nonsuch only four times before he died. Queen Mary disliked it sufficiently to sell it to Henry Fitzalan, the Catholic Earl of Arundel who had helped her accede to the throne. But Queen Elizabeth I went there so often, accompanied by 300 carts of baggage, that her name was linked with Arundel who ran up massive debts entertaining her before defecting to Mary Queen of Scots.

"Elizabeth was so in love with Nonsuch," Horne says, "that she was heartbroken on one occasion, believing the palace to be on fire. It was wooden from the first floor up and today would be a nightmare to keep repaired. But what she saw was just light shining on the building, which made it seem ablaze."



Some of the surviving treasures which recall the opulence of Nonsuch in its prime

Treasures which survive, although fragmentary, indicate a life of opulence. There is, for instance, an enamelled and gold Venetian goblet which would have been commonplace at the royal table, and a magnificent German wine jug found at the bottom of one of the palace toilets. "Sadly, these were cleared out fairly regularly, so little was left," laments Horne.

After Arundel's death Elizabeth bought the palace back for the royal family, but it was stripped in the Civil War. Retrieved, it was rarely used again except by the Exchequer, first in 1665 and then 1666 to escape the Great Plague and the Great Fire. Samuel Pepys, appointed Surveyor General of the Victualling Office, remarked on Nonsuch's disrepair but imbibed cheerfully at the Exchequer's expense, quite likely from the wine bottles also uncovered in the excavation.

In 1670, the palace passed to Barbara Villiers with the title Baroness Nonsuch. One of Charles II's mistresses, she was well known for her spending and gambling and her influence over the King. The palace was said to be a gift to appease her after he showed too much interest in another young lady at court. Yet the Baroness probably never visited Nonsuch and for a time lived in Paris.

There she lost £20,000 and her jewellery in a single night's gambling. Being desperate, she returned to England. Charles refused to bail her out, but eventually agreed to Nonsuch being pulled down, on the dubious grounds that it was falling down anyway. Its contents and building materials were sold off. Today scarce evidence remains beyond the exhibition except in houses such as Durdans in Epsom, built by the palace's last keeper, where cellar walls incorporate re-used stones with carved mouldings resembling those originally looted from Merton Priory.

● *The Nonsuch exhibition runs to Dec 20 at Jonathan Horne Antiques, 66c Kensington Church St, London W8 (071-221 5658).*

DANCE

Watch whirls go by

Nahid Siddiqui
The Place

KATHAK is the classical dance of Northern India and Pakistan. During the Mogul empire it came under the influence of Islam, so Nahid Siddiqui's present mission to weld her Kathak training with Sufism is not as dotty as might first appear. In fact, when she juxtaposes the distinctive turns of Kathak with the fabled whirling of Sufism, it is hard not to see the two as closely linked.

Siddiqui has the eye and imagination of the best choreographers, but sometimes goes astray. When successful, her stated aim as implemented by her company, to preserve and develop the Kathak vocabulary, can give birth to ravishing stage pictures that explore stillness as well as motion. In *Tihai* which opened a double bill (as part of the Vivarta festival), a cluster of four women unfolds slowly, the front scrim and Peter Mumford's lighting giving their evolution a seeming liquidity. Later they splice the motifs of Kathak with formalised paces and postures or update them in permutations of group synchrony and counterpoint. Here as elsewhere the dancers are treated as an anonymous ensemble, offset in *Tihai* by Siddiqui's solo incursions.

SIDDIQUI'S choreographic cocktail in *Tihai* works on its own terms, even if its framework and spiritual argument seems muddled. But the composite east-west tape by Sarvar Sabri and John Marc Gowens sounds like a commission for a glossy David Lean film epic. Conversely, the accompaniment for the programme's new second piece, *Dancing in Mist*, is austerely authentic, being traditional Sufi music and dance; but Siddiqui's ponderous ritual of walks, kneelings and prostrations transported us into Hollywood ersatz again, as though Bertolucci had now waded into Arabia, after polishing off China and Tibet.

This is a pity since Siddiqui's intentions are interesting, integrating body and soul and restoring to Kathak the religious impetus it lost under Islam. It is therefore ironic that she should do this through Sufism, a branch of Islam — although Sufism, like Siddiqui, apparently preaches a coming together and synthesis of paths.

NADINE MEISNER

MUSIC: Delius twinned with Tippett; reinventing the orchestra; the BBC PO celebrates 60 years

Double trouble with harmony

Hallé/Hickox
Free Trade Hall
Manchester

IT WAS a promising idea to make programme partners of Delius's *Appalachia* and Tippett's *A Child of Our Time* — two British choral works (though one more choral than the other) both inspired at least in part by black-American spirituals. If it didn't work out in practice it is because *Appalachia* is more difficult than it looks.

So it was an uncomfortable beginning to the new Hallé season in the Free Trade Hall. Richard Hickox was conducting and finding that, for all the definition of his direction, whatever string section took the melodic line its members were not playing together, and that the Hallé Choir was not very happy with Delius's chromatic harmonies. It seemed strange that he should want to add inauthenticity to these problems by having Willard White wait patiently beside him at the front of the platform for a few bars of baritone solo which, the composer says, must be "in the chorus, not beside the conductor". To do it any other way is to misunderstand the relationship between the orchestra and the voices in this often beautiful but easily disconcerted score.

The conductor's concern for authenticity in *A Child of Our Time* was such that he cast four black singers in the solo roles and that when one of them (Damon Evans) had to withdraw he found another black tenor, Barrington Coleman, to join Cynthia Hayman, Cynthia Clarey, and White. Hickox made the same soloist arrangements for his recent recording and it makes idiomatic sense in a work influenced by black-American music, jazz included.

The preparation in this case had been thorough. The exposed high-lying lines on woodwind and strings; the complex and sometimes awkwardly conceived counterpoint, the starkly cold instrumental and choral colouring, the compassion of the solos: most of these elements were efficiently and effectively executed. The Hallé Choir sounded like a different ensemble from the one heard in the Delius. The soprano and the chorus failed to integrate in the last spiritual, "O By and By", and there were problems with balance. But this was a performance of rare rhythmic intensity and of illuminating political awareness.

GERALD LARNER



Willard White: soloist in both Delius and Tippett

Birthday bonanza

BBC PO/Tortelier
Free Trade Hall,
Manchester

"HAPPY Birthday to You", taken through Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's magic-square filters, turns out like something written for the soundtrack of a spoof western, clip-clop percussion included, *writes Gerald Larner*. Fortunately, the BBC Philharmonic had two more presents to open at the beginning of its sixtieth birthday concert in the Free Trade Hall — John McCabe's *Fizzgig*, an over-the-top exercise in orchestral brilliance from somewhere between Oldham and Hollywood, and John Casken's *Bougie-Wougie*, which is wittier than its punning title might suggest (it has something to do with the French for candle).

The first item in the first broadcast of the BBC Northern Orchestra in October 1934 was Dvořák's *Carnival Overture*, conducted by T. H. Morrison. Under the direction of the BBC PO's present principal conductor, Yan Pascal Tortelier, it sounded in the euphoria of this occasion like another, longer birthday tribute. But the most elaborate joke of all was a work presented as "Piano Concerto No 4 in D minor" by Anton Rubinstein and given some credibility by the presence of Shura Cherkassky, who was a pupil of Rubinstein's pupil, Josef Hofman. Surely, the founder-director of the St Petersburg Conservatoire, and Tchaikovsky's teacher of composition there, could not have written a piano concerto of such little inspiration and such incomplete competence? If so, even on the centenary of the composer's death, it wasn't worth reviving.

So, for a memorable sixtieth birthday concert, everything depended on Stravinsky's *Petrushka* after the interval. In fact, it was a very happy performance, magically fresh in the original 1911 orchestration, lacking in string power in the Shrovetide-Fair dances in the first part but vividly dramatic in every other way. It is a mark of the BBC Philharmonic's spectacular progress that even a few years ago it could not have given a performance as extrovert and as risky as this.

Three cheers for Berlioz

BBCSO/Davis
Festival Hall

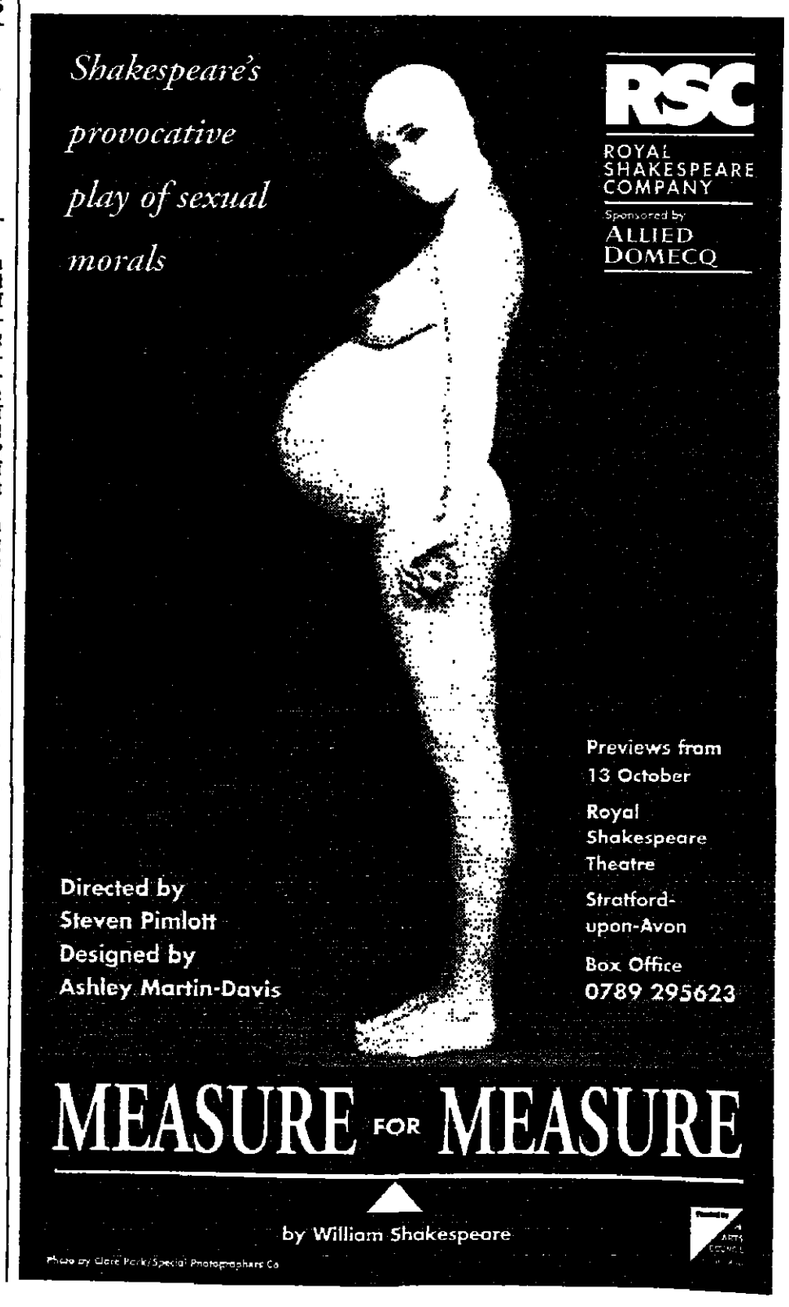
THE BBC's policy of allowing punters to sit anywhere for one very reasonable price at its Land Rover-sponsored Festival Hall concerts is beginning to pay handsome dividends. On Saturday, at the opening concert of its Berlioz-orientated "Reinventing the Orchestra" series, there was a buzz of enthusiasm that resembled the flavour of a Promenade concert. The audience was a young one that showed its approval with whoops of delight.

Besides music by Berlioz, all but one of the four concerts in the series include something more recent, stressing the fact that for composers today reinvention of the orchestra is, to a degree, a requirement for each new piece. Here the piece concerned was the Dutch composer Tristan Keuris's Concerto for saxophone quartet and orchestra, new to Britain but given its world premiere by the Concertgebouw as long ago as 1987. (Musically, Europe is still a collection of largely insular countries.) It is a catchy work, wildly energetic, often frantic and impulsive, but also lyrical, without any of the anarchy or streetwise brutality of Keuris's older compatriot, Louis Andriessen.

For the most part Keuris treats his solo ensemble as a single, contrapuntal instrument. It launches the work with a brief cell-like idea from which springs an uncontrollable explosion of invention. Keuris's sound-world, with its inevitable jazzy resonances and its sometimes violent, sometimes irrepressibly lyrical textures, reminds one of Mark-Anthony Turnage's music. So does its sense of unselfconscious continuity — it is cast as an uninterrupted sequence: rondo-burlesque; a cadenza used as much as a space in which to draw breath as a vehicle for virtuosity; a short slow movement and a shortened reprise of rondo-burlesque. Moreover, during the piece it was not difficult to imagine that a Turnage-like sub-title, giving a clue to some extra-musical impulse, had been omitted. It had not.

The Rascher Saxophone Quartet, for whom it was written, has played the work often, and here gave it brilliantly. Having warmed up just before with a dashingly vigorous performance of Berlioz's overture *Le Corsaire*, the large orchestra under Andrew Davis's baton met the demands of its own challenging part with immense confidence. It ended the evening with a fine reading of that composer's *Symphonie fantastique*, where Davis was at pains to re-illuminate Berlioz's revolutionary orchestral colours and so to re-invigorate the work's extraordinary sense of melodrama. Thanks not least to the BBCSO's brilliant percussion section, he succeeded admirably.

STEPHEN PETTITT



Stage set for Schofield to further his claim

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

INSTEAD of getting a close-up view on the pitch at Headingley tonight, Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain rugby league coach, will be taking notes in the stands after withdrawing from the Leeds team to face the Australians because of a calf injury.

As well as assessing a far stronger Australian side than the one that overwhelmed Cumbria on Sunday, Hanley will be running the rule over Garry Schofield, who has the Leeds captaincy in his absence. Whether Schofield keeps the Great Britain captaincy — and, indeed, his international place — are two of the most taxing questions Hanley must resolve.

Schofield has so far spent the season more in the shadows than out, having been a substitute in Leeds's last two games. This evening will have an important bearing on his consideration for the first international, at Wembley on October 22. At this stage, a half-back combination of Bobby Goulding and Shaun Edwards is the favourite alternative.

Leeds's patchy performance in drawing with Castleford last Friday will hardly have induced feelings of self-doubt in the Australia camp. Alan Tait is the only other Great Britain squad member in a Leeds side in which Gary Mercer, one of the club's five New Zealanders, is switched from the second row to loose forward in place of Hanley.

The Australians have lost only three of their 16 matches against Leeds, the last time in 1956. Although more of their big guns are wheeled out — Meninga, Daley, Langer and Renouf should draw a full house in excess of 20,000 — the probable international side will not line up until the game against Halifax, six days before the first of three matches against Great Britain.

Brett Mullins, the Canberra full back, is almost certain to feature in the side for Wembley, and tonight is the first opportunity to witness his dazzling potential. Andrew Ettingshausen, the wing, is a former Headingley favourite whom the club would like to tempt back to England after the tour.

With Harragon suspended for another two games, Lazarus injured and Roberts rested for the game against Wigan on Saturday, Stironen moves up from the second row to prop in a young pack in which Furner, who was outstanding in the recent Sydney grand final, Pay and Smith make their first appearances for their country.

☐ After the Rugby Football League's discussions with disgruntled French authorities over the number of players moving to England, Featherstone Rovers have finally agreed a £12,000 deal with Carcassonne for Daniel Divet, the second row forward. Hull and Wigan have been told to reach immediate financial settlement with Carpentras and Lezignan for Ezzedine Attia and Gael Tallec respectively.

LEEDS: A Tait, J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes, F Cummins, G Schofield (captain), P Entat, N Harmon, J Lowes, E Farrimalo, G Mann, R Eyres, G Mercer. Substitutes: G Holroyd, P Hassan, N Fozzard, M Vassilakopoulos.
AUSTRALIA XIII: B Mullins (Canberra), E Ettingshausen (Cronulla), M Meninga (Canberra, captain), S Renouf (Brisbane), M Hancock (Brisbane), L Daley (Canberra), A Langer (Brisbane), D Pay (Canterbury), J Serdaris (Sydney Wests), P Stironen (Balmain), D Furner (Canberra), J Smith (Canterbury), B Fittler (Penrith). Substitutes: K Walters (Brisbane), R Wishart (Illawarra), S Menzies (Manly), D Fairleigh (North Sydney).

Warrington have failed in a second attempt to sign Steve McCurrie, the Widnes and Britain hooker, in exchange for several unnamed players. In summer, Benny Elias, the Australian hooker, rejected the club, which is once more looking overseas.

DES JENSON



Cliff Richard, also due at Wembley soon, stages a joint promotion with Hanley yesterday

Revolution taken off agenda

IN THE five weeks since a report called for the most radical structural shake-up in nearly 100 years of rugby league, the game has drawn back from the brink of revolution in unseemly haste and muddle (Christopher Irvine writes). The proposed changes offer little that is substantially different.

The spirit of compromise has squeezed much of the far-sighted radicalism out of the *Framing the Future* document. After the special meeting of clubs in Leeds today, the Rugby Football League (RFL) would hope to have a premier league up and running next year, the game's centenary, for which it requires a two-thirds majority of the 35-member clubs.

As the changes bear only a passing resemblance to those originally envisaged, they would represent a hollow victory; and even this is by no means certain. The compromise by the RFL board of directors is an attempt to appease both sides but it hardly addresses the no-pain-no-gain message by GSM, a sports marketing company, whose investigation found the game to be in poor health.

Its call for a reduction in the number of clubs and a single elite league has been rejected. As opposition among second division clubs has grown, so the RFL has responded by watering down its proposals. Apart from calling the present 16-team first division the premier league, little changes.

Webber's Pride carries him through at the last

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

FIVE hundred yards was all that divided the first three BT Global Challenge yachts when crews preparing for Chay Blyth's next round-the-world challenge in 1996 reached Plymouth yesterday at the end of their first competitive race from London.

The 360-mile tussle was won by *Pride of Teesside*, skippered by Boris Webber, which swept through from last in the closing minutes to pip *The Challenge Business* and *BT Global Challenge*, skippered by Andrew Hindley, who had led for 70 per cent of the race.

Numbered among the 80 crew volunteers taking part were Lucy Fleming and James Capstick, who beat more than 2,600 readers of *The Times* to claim their berths on the 30,000-mile challenge in two years' time.

Like most who have signed up to compete in the race, Fleming and Capstick had already endured more than 12 days of intensive training during the summer.

"It's been hard but very exciting," Fleming, who sailed with the BT boat, said, her enthusiasm for the circumnavigation ahead undimmed by the cold nights and stormy weather met during her initial training.

Places aboard the ten yachts earmarked for British crews have been heavily oversubscribed and Blyth reported yesterday that interest is just as keen for the overseas entries. "We are planning to have two crews from the United States and interest has been just as strong from France," the race organiser, said.

Another opportunity has opened up for people with partial handicaps to join one of the yachts sponsored by the charity, Time and Tide. The first two crew, Stuart Boreham and Paul Hebblethwaite, competed in the Plymouth race. Boreham suffers from mild cerebral palsy while Hebblethwaite is deaf.

"Certain disabilities are not suitable for practical reasons but we can take on amputees, those with partial sight or hearing and other physical and sensory disabilities who can, after training, form a part of this unique crew," Blyth said. Each person, however, is still expected to raise the £18,750 it costs for volunteers to join the race.

RESULTS: BT Global Challenge: London to Plymouth race: 1, Pride of Teesside (B Webber); 2, The Challenge Business (M Lodge); 3, BT Global Challenge (A Hindley); 4, Hofbrau Lager (N Booth); 5, Ocean Rover (P Bennett); 6, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding); 7, Coopers & Lybrand (D Tomkinson); 8, Commercial Union (R Payne); 9, Nuclear Electric (J Benkhart).

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Nerurkar gains early marathon selection

RICHARD Nerurkar is the only athlete likely to gain early selection for the marathon at the world championships in Gothenburg next year under the British Athletic Federation's selection policy announced yesterday (David Powell writes). The policy, which applies also to the 1996 Olympic Games, guarantees selection six months in advance for athletes who have finished in the top five of a championship marathon during the preceding year. Nerurkar was fourth in the European championship.

Mark Hudspith, Yvonne Danson and Karen McLeod finished in the leading five at the Commonwealth Games in August, but that championship does not count. Selection is also guaranteed any male athlete who runs inside 2hr 10min, but no Briton has achieved that since 1989. Early selections for Gothenburg will be announced in February and the spare places will be filled at the end of April.

Williams pays penalty

HOCKEY: Don Williams, of Havant, sent off in the national league match against Slough on Sunday, misses England's trip to Germany for the four nations' tournament from October 14 to 16 at Mönchengladbach (Sydney Friskin writes). Robert Thompson, of Hounslow, replaces him.

SQUAD: D Luckes (East Grinstead), S Mason (Firebrands), P McEntire (Teddington), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), Sorna Singh (Southgate), J Potter (Hounslow), J Lester (Teddington), J Shaw (Southgate), Kabir Takher (Cannock), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), C Mayer (Cannock), S Nicklin (Teddington), R Garcia (Polo Club, Barcelona), R Crutchley (Hounslow), S Hazlit (Hounslow), R Thompson (Hounslow).

Foster makes running

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Barry Foster gained 115 yards and scored a touchdown and Gary Anderson kicked three field goals to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers to a 30-14 home victory over the Houston Oilers in the National Football League on Monday. The Steelers scored on their first four series, taking advantage of Foster's running and a Houston turnover. The Steelers beat their divisional rivals to remain one win behind the Cleveland Browns.

Argentina crushed

RUGBY UNION: South Africa A defeated Argentina 56-12 in Brakpan yesterday, running in seven tries without reply to dent the touring team's morale before the first international in Port Elizabeth on Saturday. Argentina held their own for the first half-hour but were then swept aside by a wave of South African attacks and the boot of the stand-off half, Eric Herbert. Herbert converted six of the tries and also kicked three penalties for a personal haul of 21 points.

NHL talks reopened

ICE HOCKEY: National Hockey League (NHL) officials and the players' union resumed negotiations in New York yesterday on what should have been the fourth day of the 1994-95 season. It was the first time the sides had met since the announcement last Friday by the NHL commissioner, Gary Bettman, of a two-week postponement to the season. Bettman and Bob Goodenow, of the union, are trying to reach a new collective-bargaining agreement.

Anderson retires

CYCLING: Phil Anderson, a double Commonwealth Games gold medal-winner, has retired to take up a coaching career. Anderson, 36, won his first Commonwealth gold at Edmonton in 1978 and returned to Canada this year as a member of Australia's victorious road-race team in Victoria. In between, he raced as a professional in Europe, winning the Tour of Britain and the Tour of Switzerland. In 1982, he finished fifth in the Tour de France.

Record-holder in squad

RUGBY UNION: Diego Dominguez has been included in the Italy squad for the World Cup ranking match against Wales at the National Stadium in Cardiff on October 12. The outside-half and his Wales counterpart, Neil Jenkins, share a penalty-kicking record of eight successes in a single international. The Welsh team will be named tomorrow.

ITALY: Bonomi, Cuttitta, Dominguez, Vaccari, De Rossi, Dotto, Favaro, Francescato, Grespan, Troncon, Orlandi, Sesenna, Bordon, Checconato, Dal Sie, Sgorlon, Aldrovandi, Allonsetti, Arancio, Gerosa, Scaglia.

Horner and Jackman off to flying starts

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN
IN ST PETER PORT

ENGLAND'S leading squash players could hardly have enjoyed faster or more unblemished starts to their women's world championship campaigns here yesterday. Suzanne Horner, the British champion and No 3 seed, won in just two minutes while Cassandra Jackman, the former world junior champion and No 4 seed, completed her victory inside 13 minutes.

Horner, 31, from Wakefield, is enjoying her finest competitive spell. She rose to second place in the world rankings for the first time last month and won her first A-grade title last week. She achieved the shortest world championship victory on record against Adriana Moura, of Brazil, who was carrying a slight knee injury at the start of their first-round match at the Kings Club in Guernsey.

Moura won the toss, lost the opening rally and then the nine served by Horner. When the British champion returned after the 90-second break between games, there was no sign of her opponent.

"She has had enough," came a report from the dressing-room. Horner was flabbergasted. "Definitely the quickest start I have ever had in a tournament," she said. "I just wish I could scare all my opponents away like that."

Jackman had to complete the usual course 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 against Miyuki Adachi, of Japan, and was no doubt relieved to report that the back problem that had forced her out of the Talking Pages Open at Windsor last week now seemed completely cleared. "No complaints," said the 21-year-old from Norfolk, who is looking forward to a second-round encounter with the United States champion, Demer Holleran, today.

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Horner will play Samantha Langley, a 27-year-old qualifier, who yesterday completed a dreadful weekend for India's sole world championship representative, Misha Grewal, who was held up at the airport in Delhi by the plague scare. She cancelled her entry by phone, then renewed it when the flight was allowed out with half an hour to spare.

Other English players to advance from the first round in yesterday included Donia Leeves, the British junior champion from Sussex, Fiona Geaves, of Gloucester, Jane Martin, of Northumbria, and Rebecca Macree, of Essex.

There was also at least one Scottish success, although it might be claimed by England. Senga Macfrie, a leading English junior during her days in Surrey, has taken up her grandmother's Glaswegian antecedents and arrived here, with her sister Helen, as part of the Scottish squad. Yesterday, she celebrated with a 28-minute 9-2, 10-8, 9-2 win over Sarah Cook, of New Zealand, and today meets Macree, the profoundly deaf England No 9 from Barking.

☐ Roger Eady, chief executive of the Professional Squash Association for the past decade, will leave his post at the beginning of December to take up an appointment with the Sports Council of Wales. Eady has developed the men's international circuit, which had a prize fund in 1983 of $150,000, to its present $2 million with 100 events held annually around the world.

New league gets off to halting start

THE Super Squash League, launched to replace ten years of Premier League competition under the Squash Rackets Association, stuttered in its organisation of the first-round of fixtures on Monday but was still action-packed (Colin McQuillan writes).

A new move in reducing to three-man teams from the old four-man format failed in its intention of speeding up play, however.

Jim Hall Sports Northern secured a hard-fought 2-1 win over Rackets Club in Corringham, Essex. The London club, Cannons, and ICL Lion Herts, of Welwyn Garden City, also marked the launch by picking up maximum points.

The Cannons trio of Peter Marshall, Peter Nicol and Simon Parke surrendered just one game in overpowering Ogmore Valley Dragons in Wales. The Herts squad, however, faced stiff resistance in their home clash against Lingfield. Welsh Back Wizards, of Bristol, enjoyed a 2-1 win over Walker Farrimond Manchester.

RESULTS (home players first): Ogmore Valley Dragons 0 Cannons Club 3 (P Whitlock lost to P Marshall 3-9, 0-9, 0-9; M Cairns lost to P Nicol 2-9, 0-9, 4-9; C van der Walt lost to S Parke 9-4, 7-9, 9-10, 1-9); ICL Lion Herts 3 Lingfield 0 (C Walker bt S Meads 9-7, 7-9, 10-8, 5-9, 9-4; R Norman bt A Kirland 5-9, 9-5, 9-9, 9-4, 9-7; M Chaloner bt T Garner 9-4, 2-9, 9-1, 9-5); Rackets Club 1 Jim Hall Sports Northern 2 (D Maddings lost to A Gough 2-9, 9-2, 9-7, 0-9, 5-9; P Steel lost to G Davies 0-9, 10-8, 6-9, 9-6, 3-9; N Cass beat G Thwaite 9-5, 6-9, 5-9, 9-7, 9-5); Walker Farrimond Manchester 1 Welsh Back Wizards 2 (P Gregory bt J Nicolle 9-1, 9-6, 9-5, D Ryan lost to D Horns 1-9, 1-9, 9-5, 8-10; N Taylor lost to A Davies 5-9, 5-9, 4-9)

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By order of the board
Matthew Bedford (Secretary)
Notes

Creditors wishing to vote at this meeting must complete and lodge the enclosed form of proxy, unless they are individuals attending the meeting in person or are companies authorising a representative under the provisions of Section 375 of the Companies Act 1985. Proxies must be returned to Price Waterhouse at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL by 12 noon on 10 October 1994. Creditors are reminded that original and not faxed proxies are required.

All creditors who wish to vote at the meeting whether in person, by proxy or in some other way, must give details of their claim against the company in writing. Statements of claim may be sent to the address for returning proxies to be brought to the meeting. Whilst there is no legal obligation, creditors to do so it would be appreciated if claims and proxies could be returned in good time before the meeting.

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I Frames - Liquidator

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Michael C Brierley Director
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DATED THIS 23rd September 1994.
J. J. Schepira, ACA.
Liquidator.

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Dated this 3rd day of October 1994
P S Padmore
Joint Administrative Receiver
Bricks Limited

The Insolvency Act 1986
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Liquidator

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Joint Administrative Receivers
Touche Ross & Co
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8-9 East Harding Street London EC4A 3AS

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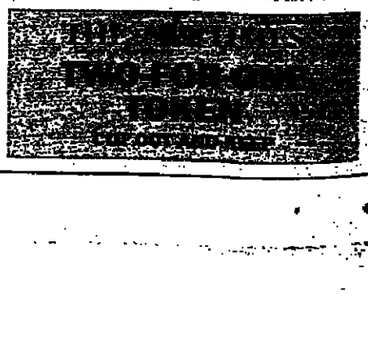
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Ferguson and Durrant in line for Everton debuts against Portsmouth

Walker seeks quick profit from loans

BY ALYSON RUDD



Ferguson, who has moved to Everton on loan, will hope to make an impact tonight. Photograph: Mark Leech

BY THE end of this evening more than a few clubs from the lower divisions will probably be left wondering how much sweeter life would have been had the Coca-Cola Cup second round comprised the single tie. Such is the clamour for the two-leg structure to be abandoned that the organisers might consider making capital out of the debate and backing the dissenters, renaming a new, slimline competition the Diet Coke Cup.

In the meantime, the second leg could represent a tonic for Mike Walker, the beleaguered manager of Everton, though the tie against Portsmouth at Fratton Park is of far greater consequence than the chance for a short spurt of glory. Walker has to start proving that Everton are capable of rising out of the ashes of a spectacularly poor start to the season to challenge, if not for the FA Carling Premiership title, then at least for some mid-table anonymity. A respectable cup run would also help.

Everton travel to the south coast trailing 3-2 from the first leg. Both Ian Durrant and Duncan Ferguson are expected to play. The two Rangers players have joined the Merseyside club on loan. Durrant was widely expected to sign for Everton but Peter Johnson, the club's chairman, preferred to monitor his fitness over a four-week period. But Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, stressed that he believes there will be no hitches in Durrant's £1.5 million move to Everton at the end of the loan spell. He also reiterated that Ferguson will return to Rangers.

"We have agreed a deal with Everton for Durrant. They knew his case history and naturally they have the right to check him in games and training to see how his fitness is. There is no question of him not being fit. He's played around 150 games for Rangers at all levels, including youth team comebacks, reserves and first team, since his knee operation in America."

Maurice Johnston, the former Everton player and Durrant's former Rangers team-mate, described Durrant as "a playmaker who will bring laughter to the dressing-room". If Everton clinch victory tonight, however, sighs of relief are more likely to be audible.

Everton are not the only Premiership side with an anxious evening ahead of them. Ipswich take the long road to Birmden Park with the burden of a three-goal deficit. Bolton Wanderers are becoming the club everyone wants to avoid meeting in cup competition. Goals from Jason McAteer, John McGinlay and Alan Thompson in the first leg at Portman Road have left Bolton favourites to progress.

West Ham welcome Walsall, the Endsleigh Insurance League third division club, who beat the London side 2-1 at the Bescot stadium. From the visitors' point of view, the tie may have come a week too late. Following West Ham's victory over Chelsea at the weekend, Harry Redknapp's team appears to have at last found its scoring feet.

Barnet, the third division club managed by Ray Clemence, take a 1-0 lead from the first leg to Maine Road. Manchester City will be keeping a close watch on Dougie Freedman, whose first-minute strike shocked City at Underhill. City go into the match on the back of a defeat at Leeds and Barnet believe that if they can score again, they can earn a place in the third round. Barnet lie third in their division, with only two defeats from their opening ten games.

Leicester City, meanwhile, will be hoping to make more use of home advantage than they did on Monday night when they face Brighton this evening. Leicester dominated the match against Coventry City and had many more opportunities than the 2-2 scoreline suggests. Brighton hold a 1-0 advantage after Kurt Nogan's goal at the Goldstone Ground. Liam Brady, the Brighton manager, is hoping to welcome back the defender, Colin Pates, the wing, Mark Chamberlain, and the veteran midfield player, Jimmy Case, to the squad after injuries.

World Cup teams denied chance to upgrade facilities

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the team managers of the 16 countries competing in the World Cup next year make a preparatory visit to South Africa next month, they will be told directly that Rugby World Cup Ltd (RWC) is insisting on equality for all participants in respect of travel and accommodation arrangements.

Several leading countries have already sent delegations to the host country to check facilities and venues in the hope of making the best arrangements for their players. However, RWC directors, in London yesterday for the announcement of Heineken's involvement as a leading sponsor of the tournament, were firm that the same conditions will apply to every country with no special treatment for those who have the extra ability to pay their way.

There is little doubt that the World Cup will put immense strain on South Africa's transport and hotel systems: for the duration of the tournament, three-star hotels will be upgraded to five-star and England, for example, will stay at a beach-front hotel in Durban rather than at Umhlanga, some ten miles out of town.

There has also been concern at the Rugby Football Union (RFU) about the problem of playing at altitude. The countries in pools A and B — which include Australia and England, the 1991 finalists — are based on the coast and success could keep them there until the final, which will be played 5,000 feet above sea level in Johannesburg. Nic Labuschagne, the South African director of RWC, promised that the logistics of the tournament would be sufficiently flexible to permit teams to stay at sea level until the last minute if they believed it to be in their interests.

"If we reached the final, we would request not to go to Johannesburg until the day before," Don Rutherford, the RFU technical director, said. "There are good physiological reasons for doing so."

Whether the managers' meeting, due to begin on November 28, will pass comment on the refereeing arrangements remains to be seen. RWC proposes a panel of 26 officials, two from each of the eight foundation-member unions of the International Rugby Football Board and one from each of the remaining competing countries. In addition, two referees from non-competing countries could be appointed, making a nonsense of the idea that the world's best players will be handled by the world's best referees.

Standards worldwide may not be high, but some very good officials of considerable experience will be left at home while their colleagues from the Ivory Coast, Western Samoa and, for example, Zimbabwe or Belgium, will take the stage in South Africa. The concept of a world ranking list for referees seems even more appealing in the light of this decision.

The involvement of Heineken, which already has a substantial involvement in Welsh and French club rugby, brings to four the big sponsors linked with the tournament. They join South African Airways, Famous Grouse and Coca-Cola in paying £1 million for the privilege, and RWC is confident that the remaining four places available will soon be filled.

The initial financial turnover for the tournament was estimated at £30 million from commercial and broadcasting agreements. A considerable further sum will come from gate-takings, of which 65 per cent will go to RWC and 35 per cent to South Africa as the host union. "It will be a professionally-run tournament, but not professionally played," Labuschagne said.

Referee's harsh hand fuels red-card debate

BY ALYSON RUDD

POSSIBLY the only people happy after the FA Carling Premiership match between Leicester City and Coventry City on Monday were at Sky Sports, whose two live games in two days yielded nine goals and plenty of controversy.

While Nottingham Forest's 3-2 victory on Sunday was harsh on Queens Park Rangers, it underlined the indisputable fact that Forest are one of the most attractive sides in the country. But little was indisputable about the Midlands derby, which finished 2-2.

Two players were sent off by Keith Cooper, the referee from Pontypridd. Although Gary Gillespie did technically tackle Julian Joachim from behind on 28 minutes, violent conduct seemed a harsh interpretation.

Two minutes before the interval Jimmy Willis, the Leicester defender, was dismissed for a challenge on Paul Cook. Cooper said he believed Willis had used his elbow to gain leverage; the footage appeared to discount the referee's theory.

Yet this was not a fixture that needed controversial red cards to enliven the crowd of more than 19,000, and only five minutes remained when Iwan Roberts equalised for Leicester for the second time.

Stevens ready for Merseyside return

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RANGERS agreed a fee of £350,000 for the transfer of Gary Stevens, the former England full back, to Tranmere Rovers yesterday as Walter Smith, the Scottish champions' manager, continued his autumn sale.

The Endsleigh Insurance League first division side must still settle personal terms with Stevens, who has been on loan at Prenton Park for the past fortnight, to confirm the player's return to Merseyside. He was part of the successful Everton team of the mid-Eighties.

Arsenal, the holders of the Cup Winners' Cup, will play the first leg of their second-round tie against Brondby in Denmark, and not at Highbury as originally drawn, on October 20. The club had suggested the switch to avoid their supporters travelling to Europe on the same day as followers of Chelsea, who play Austria Vienna in the same competition.

Ian Wright, Arsenal's England striker, avoided a three-match suspension yesterday when the FA announced that his booking in the defeat by Crystal Palace at Highbury on Saturday would attract only three disciplinary points.

Notts County's attempt climb away from the bottom of the first division was strengthened by the signing of Peter Butler, the West Ham United midfield player, for £350,000. The 28-year-old began his career with Huddersfield and later returned to the Yorkshire club on loan. He has also played for Bury and Cambridge.

Simon Barker will sign a new two-year contract before Queens Park Rangers' Coca-Cola Cup match with the third division leaders, Carlisle, at Loftus Road tonight, only four months after walking out on the club. The 30-year-old former Blackburn midfield player turned down a new deal when his old contract ran out in the summer and agreed terms with relegated Swindon.

"I went on tour to Cyprus with Swindon while everybody was waiting for a conditional tribunal to settle the fee," said Barker. "But then Swindon cancelled the tribunal when some money they were expecting from a grant failed to come through and I had to go back to Rangers. Things have changed since then and this new offer is much better."

Franco Baresi, the Italy captain, has retired from international football after making 81 appearances for his country. Baresi, 34, the AC Milan defender, made his last international appearance four weeks ago during the 1-1 draw with Slovenia.

Calf injury delays Geoghegan's debut

SIMON Geoghegan, the Ireland wing who joined Bath this season, will be forced by injury to delay his league debut (David Hands writes). He becomes eligible this weekend after joining the double champions from London Irish during the close season, but a pulled calf muscle has put him out of contention for the match with Wasps on Saturday.

Geoghegan, capped 23 times, played for Bath's first XV as a replacement in their opening match of the season, against the Barbarians, but has since been confined to second-team rugby. He incurred the injury, which will probably keep him out of action for a fortnight, in a Law Society sevens tournament on Sunday. However, Bath's Scottish lock, Andy Reed, has passed a fitness test on his knee.

Phillips, the auctioneers, will hold today what they believe to be the first sale of rugby memorabilia in Britain. The sale will take place at their Cardiff office and will feature an 18ct gold half-hunter pocket watch presented by the people of Newport to H.T. Day, the Welsh forward, to commemorate the club's successful 1891-92 season. It is expected to make between £200 and £300.

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ASIAN GAMES

HIROSHIMA: Finals: DIVING: Men: 3m springboard: 1, Wang Tianling (China) 709.41pts. Women: Platform: 1, Chi Bin (China) 496.14. FENCING: Women: Foil: 1, Xiao Aihua (China). KARATE: Men: Kumite: 60kg: 1, Shinichiro Yamamoto (Japan). 65kg: R Salil Kyad (Syria). 70kg: M Farid Khormani (Iran). 75kg: Shiina (Japan). GYMNASTICS: Women: Team: 1, China (Mo Huilan, He Zuomei, Chao Ya, Yuan Kexiu, Liu Yuan, Ye Linlin, Wang Xin) 194.375pts. SWIMMING: Men: 100m butterfly: 1, Jiang Chengji (China) 53.97sec. 400m individual medley: 1, Xiong Guoming (China) 4:19.40. 4 x 200m relay: 1, China (Xue Hanbin, Chen Zhuo, Sheng Hengping, Xiong Guoming) 7:26.29. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, Lu Bin, China, 1:57.37. 200m breaststroke: 1, Yuan Yuan (China) 2:28.34. WEIGHTLIFTING: Women: 56kg: 1, Chen Xiaomin (China) 97.5, 122.5 220.0 (world record) 64kg: 1, Lai Li (China) 102.5, 122.5 225.0. 70kg: 1, Tang Weifang (China) 102.5, 127.5 230.0 (world record)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NFL: Pittsburgh 30 Houston 14

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Watford 1 Millwall 1.
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MONDAY'S RESULTS
FA Carling Premiership: Leicester 2, Coventry 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 4 Whitley Bay 0. First division: Gt Harwood Town 4 Fleetwood 4. Cup: First round: Worksop Town 2 Alfreton Town 2. Postponed: Ashton United v Congleton Town.
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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 8 Swindon 1, Ipswich 1 Norwich 2, Portsmouth 1 Charlton 2; Southampton 0 Crystal Palace 0. Second division: Yeovil 1 Exeter 1
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr. Martens Cup: First round, first leg: Chelmsford City 3 Buckingham Town 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Ruislip Manor 0 Staines Town 4. Second division: Croydon 2 Chesham 1. Third division: Tring Town 2 Feltham and Hounslow B 3.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: First division: Woodford Town 2 Bridon Ropes 2.
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GOLF

GOLF FOUNDATION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS: Lancaster: 240: Rossall, Fleetwood (D Mackinnon 72, S Siddiqui, 85, N Roberts 83) 249; Keswick 267; Lancaster Royal. Best individual: D Mackinnon 72. South Staffs: 243: Fair Oak, Rugeley (R Rock, 78 P Brightman 78 S Wallbank 87). 263: Solihull (best two scores to decide). 247: New Coll, Telford. Best individual: R Rock 78 South Herts: 244: St Columba's Coll, St Albans (B Armstrong 80, N Smith 81, P Fraser 83). 248: Mill Hill County; Mill Hill. Best individual: A Oliver (Mill Hill County) 76.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: South Africa A 56 Argentine XV 55-12 (in Brakpan)
CLUB GAME: Cambourne 5 Oxford University 25

SQUASH

ST PETER PORT, Guernsey: World women's open: Qualifying finals: J Thacker (Eng) bt L Slyner (Can) 9-4, 9-2, 6-9, 7-9, 9-6; M Jans (Can) bt F Parsons (Eb) 9-2, 4-9, 9-6, 6-9, 9-7; A Clifton-Parks (SA) bt N Buddington (Eng) 9-1, 9-1, 9-3; E Svenby (Swe) bt J Trenfield (Eng) 9-0, 9-3, 9-7; S Langley (Eng) bt S Taylor (Wales) 9-0, 9-6, 9-4; T Sheriton (Eng) bt V Atkinson (Holl) 9-8, 10-8, 6-9, 10-9; C Waddell (Scot) bt N Grainger (SA) 10-8, 6-9, 9-6, 5-9, 10-9; S Barret (Ger) bt W Masland (Scot) 9-4, 9-2, 9-4; B Satchel (Ger) bt S Smith (Eng) 9-1, 9-2, 9-2; H Macfie (Scot) bt M Darr (Egy) 10-9, 7-9, 9-2, 6-9, 9-4, A Wray (Eng) bt M Sugo (Japan) 9-3, 9-3, 9-0; P Nicholl (Eng) bt E Petersen (Den) 9-3, 9-0, 9-3. First round: D Leaves (Eng) bt E Svenby (Swe) 9-3, 10-8, 9-5; H Van Hoorn (Holl) bt B Sedler (Ger) 9-4, 9-6, 9-5; L Marsh (NZ) bt E Pearce (US) 9-5, 7-9, 9-3, 9-1; S Horner (Eng) bt A Macfie (Sc) 9-0 rtd; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt R Poole (Eng) 9-1, 9-3, 9-1; C Owens (Aus) bt R Grinham (Aus) 9-2, 9-0, 9-6, J Martin (Eng) bt B Cooper (Can) 9-2, 9-7, 9-8; V Cardwell (Aus) bt S Bartel (Ger) 9-7, 9-0, 9-4; S Langley (Eng) bt M Grewal (India) 9-2, 8-2, 9-4, J Wilson (NZ) bt S Baum (Ger) 10-8, 7-9, 9-3, 10-8, 9-4; S Hollaman (US) bt C Levine (Isr) 9-3, 9-3, 5-9, 9-0; T Weeks (Aus) bt C Waddell (Scot) 8-10, 9-3, 9-4, 9-3, F Geeves (Eng) bt K Kelso (US) 9-0, 9-0, 9-1, S Schoene (Ger) bt A Clifton-Parks (SA) 9-3, 9-6, 9-3; C Jackman (Eng) bt M Adachi (Japan) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; M Bell (Aus) bt R O'Callaghan (Ire) 9-3, 9-4, 6-9, 9-1; C Mitch (SA) bt C Castells (Fr) 9-2, 9-4, 9-6; F Mascree (Eng) bt T Sheriton (Eng) 6-8, 8-10, 9-4, 9-4, 9-5, S Macfie (Scot) bt S Cook (NZ) 9-2, 10-8, 9-2; D Sommers (Holl) bt P Nicholl (Eng) 9-1, 8-10, 9-2, 3-9, 9-3

SWIMMING

OLDHAM: English schools team championship: Boys: Senior: Freestyle: 1, Kelly Coil 2mn 23.42sec, 2, Pendleston 2:24.41; 3, Millfield 2:24.41. Medley: 1, Millfield 2:39.88; 2, Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 2:46.35; 3, Colchester Sixth Form College 2:45.58. Intermediate: Freestyle: Summerhall, Kingswinford 2:31.04; 2 Torquay Boys GS 2:31.57, 3, Hulme GS 2:32.06. Medley: 1, Millfield 2:45.63; 2, Hulme GS 2:50.71, 3 Shifield HS 2:53.05. Junior: Freestyle: 1, Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 2:44.53, 2, Loughborough GS 2:45.82, 3, Bristol GS 2:46.84. Medley: 1, Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 3:02.76; 2, Bristol GS 3:05.79; 3, Loughborough GS 3:10.20. Girls: Senior: Freestyle: 1, Bolton 2:42.74, 2, Kelly Coll 2:43.95; 3, Millfield 2:44.80. Medley: 1, Bolton 3:00.37, 2, Benjamin Britten High 3:03.76; 3, Millfield 3:04.24. Intermediate: Freestyle: 1, Herts and Essex 2:40.85, 2, Millfield 2:41.76, 3, Dr Challoner's High 2:46.02. Medley: 1, Herts and Essex 3:00.27, 2, Sale GS 3:04.84, 3, Dr Challoner's High 3:05.27. Junior: Freestyle: 1, Coopers and Coburn 2:50.11, 2, Croydon HS 2:50.51, 3, Broadstone Middle 2:53.82. Medley: 1, Coopers and Coburn 3:10.26; 2, Ashlawn 3:15.73; 3, Abbey 3:16.35

TENNIS

DUBLIN: Men's tournament: First round: D Prinosil (Ger) bt K Goossens (Bel) 7-6, 6-4; M Barnard (SA) bt C Van Garsse (Bel) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; P Wekess (Kenya) bt L Rahmann (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; F Wiek (Holl) bt K Carlsen (Den) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; C Caratti (It) bt R Collins (Ire) 6-3, 6-3; S Simian (Fr) bt E Ferrera (SA) 6-4, 6-4, H Jan-Davids (Holl) bt A Radulescu (Ger) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; J Winnink (Holl) bt B Barber (US) 6-3, 6-2; C-U Steeb (Ger) bt C Vinck (Ger) 6-2, 6-4; A Thoms (Ger) bt D Der (Ger) 6-2, 7-6
SYDNEY: Men's indoor tournament: First round: B Becker (Ger) bt S Stolle (Aus) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; B Black (Zim) bt J Morgan (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt B Ehrlich (Aus) 6-4, 6-2, P Rafter (Aus) bt L Glona (US) 7-6, 7-5, A Knickstein (US) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; J Tarango (US) bt G Connell (Can) 6-4, 6-1, R Reneberg (US) bt G Ivanisevic 7-6, 6-3
TOULOUSE: Men's tournament: First round: A Chesnokov (Russ) bt K Braasch (Ger) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; M Larsson (Swe) bt M Goellner (Ger) 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, J Palmer (US) bt A Volkov (Russ) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; J Bates (GB) bt G Raoux (Fr) 7-5, 6-1
ZURICH: Women's indoor tournament: First round: M Wendel (US) bt S Capac (US) 6-3, 6-4, E Makarova (Russ) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 7-5, 6-1, H Sukova (Cz Rep) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-4, 6-3, L McNeil (US) bt K Adams (US) 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, M Maleeva (Bul) bt P Shriver (US) 7-5, 7-6, S Stafford (US) bt A Smashnova (Isr) 6-0, 6-1, N Tauziat (Fr) bt S Rohrer (Holl) 7-6, 6-4
NOTTINGHAM: LTA Autumn Satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: First round: L Milligan bt B Curry (SA) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, P Hand bt H Capell (Ger) 7-6, 6-4, P Pala (Cz) bt T Spinks 3-6, 6-2, 7-6, J Davidson bt S Rhode (Ger) 7-6 ret, R Wassen (Holl) bt A Richardson 6-4, 6-3, A Prestzsch (Ger) bt P Martin 6-4, 6-2; C Schaffves (Ger) bt D Ristic (Fr) 7-5, 6-0; M MacLagan bt J Delgado 6-3, 6-4. Women: First round: K Rassek (Den) bt A Bittaghofer (Fin) 6-3, 6-3, I Tawsch (Fr) bt S Tse 6-3, 6-2, J Ward bt E Norrie (Nam) 6-1, 6-1, K Roubenova bt M Mair 6-7, 6-3, L Ahl bt C Grunes (Ger) 6-0, 6-1, S Olsen (Den) bt C Hunt 6-2, 6-2.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 0800 GMT yesterday with miles to Cape-town): Class one: Bourcel Pottou Cheremes (I Auisser, FR) 3,854 miles, 2, Vendée Enterprises (J van den Heede, FR) 3,973; 3, Ben Vo (J Provoueur, SA) 3,983, 4, Sela Calverson (C Augun, FR) 4,089, 5, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, USA) 4,103, 6, Coyote (D Scully, US) 4,274, 7, Genmore Investment Managers (J Hall, GB) 4,395; 8, Thursday's Child (A Tevlin, US) 4,960. Class two: 1, Kodak (G Soldini, IT) 3,641, 2, True Blue (D Adams, AUS) 4,359, 3 Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, AUS) 4,391 4 Jimrocia II (C Vaughen, GB) 4,467; 5, Snuten Dohi II (M Saito, Japan) 4,804, 6, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 4,891, 7, Cormorell (R Davis, GB) 5,300, 8, Henry Hornblower (H Mitchell, GB) 5,346, 9, Protect Our Sealife (N Petersen, SA) 5,384, 10, Town of Cervia (S Bianchetti, IT) 5,473, 11, Cardiac 88 (F Romack, US) 5,871

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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Warwick

Going: soft (heavy patches)

1.30 (7f) 1, Private Line (Pat Eddery, 5-2 jt-fav, Newmarket Correspondent's top rating), 2, Supermaid (20-1); 3, Hujjab (5-2 jt-fav). 12 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. H Cecil. Tote £3.40, £1.10, £7.30, £1.30. DF: £29.90. CSF: £47.63.

2.00 (7f) 1, Dashing Water (R Cochrane, Evens fav), 2, La Gran Senorita (100-30); 3, Autumn Wings (7-1). 11 ran. 4l, ¾l. I Balding. Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.86. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

2.30 (1m 2f 166yd) 1, Sky Burst (N Carlisle, 5-1); 2, Kay's Lad (6-1); 3, Precious Wonder (12-1); 4, Tina's Charm (10-1). Ready To Draw 7-2 jt-fav. 20 ran. 1¼l, nk. L Cottrell. Tote: £4.30; £1.30, £1.80, £3.30, £2.40. DF: £29.10. Trio: £103.40. CSF: £50.17. Tricast: £452.43.

3.00 (1m 4f 115yd) 1, Cotsir Chief (Pat Eddery, 4-9 fav), 2, Morgans (7-4) 2 ran 2½l. M Pipe, Tote: £1.80.

3.30 (1m) 1, Khattaf (J Reid, 7-2 fav), 2, Legendary Leap (4-1), 3, Hilary Gerrard (6-1). 16 ran. NR: Fairfield Choice, 4l, nk. J Quinlan. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £1.90, £3.00. DF: £8.20. CSF: £19.36

4.00 (2m 20yd) 1, Brave Tornado (S Drowne, 7-4 fav); 2, Fatack (10-1); 3, The Frog Lady (8-1); 4, Marathbie (7-1). 20 ran. 5l, 13l. G Balding. Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £3.50, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £40.50. Trio: £104.00. CSF: £25.01. Tricast: £128.27

4.30 (7f) 1, Romios (T Quinn, 10-1), 2, Cros (6-1); 3, Poignard (5-2 fav), 14 ran. NR: Melasus, Miss Mercy, Pillow Blush. 1½l, 3l. P Cole. Tote: £11.10; £3.10, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £10.20. Trio: £12.00. CSF: £69.03. Tricast: £185.55

5.00 (7f) 1, Bishop Of Cashel (W Woods, 3-1); 2, Fekih (6-4 fav); 3, Himalayan Blue (14-1). 16 ran. NR: Backward Point, I'm Outa Here. 1¼l, ¾l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £1.30, £3.40. DF: £8.70. CSF: £8.17. Placepot: £11.70. Quadpot: £12.00.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to soft

2.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Nalyaari (P McDermott, 6-1); 2, Ericolin (10-3), 3, Chickabiddy (14-1) Sovereign Niche 11-4 fav. 14 ran. 2¼l, 2½l. P Rich. Tote: £8.70, £2.40, £1.20, £4.20. DF: £26.30. CSF: £26.10.

2.50 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Coasting (J Railton, 3-1); 2, Ive Called Time (10-1), 3, April's Baby (50-1). Steeple Jack 13-8 fav 7 ran. 5l, 20l. G Balding. Tote: £4.30; £2.10, £4.20. DF: £22.20. CSF: £27.94

3.20 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Emart Knight (R Dunwoody, 11-10 fav); 2, Finnigan Free (100-11), 3, Nanquidno (20-1) 10 ran 8l, 3l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £13.00, £2.40. DF: £114.30. CSF: £59.65.

3.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Bonus Boy (A P McCoy, 20-1); 2, Hosselier (7-1), 3, Madraj (9-1) Wayward Wind Evens fav 8 ran 5l, 20l. R Buckler. Tote: £23.80, £3.90, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £76.40. CSF: £141.48. Tricast: £1,241.97.

4.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Ask The Governor (A P McCoy, 11-2); 2, Beam Me Up Scotty (5-2 fav); 3, Kaling (6-1) 13 ran. Nk, 7l. G Balding. Tote: £7.20; £2.30, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £10.70. Trio: £53.30. CSF: £18.72. Tricast: £80.00

4.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Bowl Of Oats (S McNeill, 7-4); 2, Wide Boy (3-1). Only two finished. Ghotar 11-8 fav, 4 ran. 8l. A Turnell. Tote: £3.40. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.43.

5.20 (3m 3f hdle) 1, Irish Stamp (M Dwyer, 2-1 fav); 2, Anna Valley (9-2); 3, The Humble Tiller (33-1). 8 ran. 6l, 25l. F Murphy. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £2.20, £3.00. DF: £11.80. CSF: £12.17. Tricast: £219.01

Placepot: £1,524.30. Quadpot: £119.30.

Redcar

Going: soft

2.10 (7f) 1, Blackpool Festival (J Carroll, 14-1), 2, Euphyllia (11-1); 3, Good So Far (14-1). Lady Davenport 9-1 fav. 26 ran. NR: Irchester Lass, Sapphire Son. 3¼l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £12.60; £3.10, £3.40, £3.70. DF: £108.70. CSF: £147.14.

2.40 (6f) 1, Mood Swings (J Weaver, 5-2); 2, South Rock (7-1), 3, Ida Machet (5-1). Persian Rhapsody 9-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Amzai. 1½l, 1¼l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.20, £1.60, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £38.30. CSF: £20.41.

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Kit exploitation starting to wear thin

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

In the United States, the National Football League is celebrating 75 years of gridiron mayhem by holding a series of what it calls "throwback days". Each team must select a year from its history, and then wear the team uniform of that year for three games, at least one of them at home.

The scheme doesn't include the ancient leather helmets, so players will be able to keep their teeth. And some tradition-minded teams, such as the Colts and the Raiders, will scarcely notice a change.

But other teams have gone through some big changes. Pittsburgh Steelers will be playing in 1933 replica uniforms that include mustard-yellow pants. "Maybe guys were tougher then," Levon Kirkland, one of the players, said. "But we're a bunch of soft guys and we don't like *them*."

The idea was nicked from baseball. Now baseball nostalgia makes cricket nostalgia seem like Nintendo. Even today's strange inelegant uniforms reek of a bygone age. And what, by the way, is the function of the stirrup sock?

Baseball uniforms may have changed a little, but they still hold true to the cap-and-combinations outfit of the field of dreams. A radical change would be considered an act of betrayal.

Americans believe that the Brits are in love with the past. But in this country, in just about every major sport, the clothing has changed beyond recognition. We love the past, true enough, but we love money a good deal more. The British, it seems, value some traditions rather less than Americans.

But we get occasional throwback days all the same. Whenever it rains at cricket, television gives us old games, and even a decade back, the differences are startling. We never used to have cricket uniforms. Lack of uniformity, or individual choice, was one of cricket's grandest traditions. You have to go to the village green to find it now. Uniforms have been sneaked up on us, without us realising what was going on.

I remember last summer when a burst of rain brought us the young David Gower, floppy-haired and floppy collared — a man choosing his strokes and his clothes with equal recklessness. More than your contract's worth to do that now.

Oddly enough, Ian Botham attempted a cricketing throwback in his Tim Hudson period, wearing button-fly trousers and cotton shirts. But now the element of choice has gone. England cricketers must advertise beer, not their own jaunty recklessness. Mind you, so do all their opponents: no holding, no biting and may the best brewery win.

British sport is so firmly committed to shirt sponsorship that a throwback day would not be a commercial consideration. Football teams change their strip every season and supporters express their loyalty by submitting joyously to this annual exploitation. Manchester United did it to perfection by having two away strips for supporters to buy. However, some supporters reject this.

There is a small but vibrant throwback industry in replica kit of past years, nostalgic kits available through independent, non-club-related companies. A friend of mine invariably goes to matches in a 1970s shirt and "my lucky Gucci loafers"; it will come to nobody's great surprise to learn that he is a Chelsea supporter.

Rugby league goes in for regular changes of increasingly outlandish strip, and I have no doubt that rugby union would condemn this utterly — were it not for the fact that they have sold their own shirts. Nothing will persuade the Rugby Football Union to abandon what it believes to be the moral high ground. Apart from money, that is.

If you are going to sell out, I suppose you might as well go the whole hog, as Formula One has done. "Great news, boys! We've just bought Nigel's left armpit for a million bucks!"

I have not mentioned one-day cricket uniforms yet. This is because I heartily approve of them. True, they mostly look stupid, but one-day cricket is mostly a stupid game. It has its points, but it is not to be confused with the real thing. That makes the pyjamas a good thing: they spell out, with pedantic clarity, that we have two different games.

> 'We British love the past but we love money a good deal more'

One cannot disapprove morally of the commercialism of professional sport, any more than the commercialism of a grocer's shop. But the constant changes of kit, the ever more obtrusive logos and brand names; they add a crassness to the business. Sport is possessed by a wild eagerness to sell anything that can be bought — a touchingly naive belief that the marketplace brings nothing but truth and happiness.

Moral: not even ladies of the night wear badges that say "I am a prostitute".





The young Gower displays a dress sense to match his strokeplay while Alec Stewart sports today's Sunday pyjamas

Godolphin gears up for second winter in Dubai

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

AFTER the outstanding first-season success here this summer of Godolphin, the Dubai wing of Shaikh Mohammed's racing empire, around 75 horses will be leaving Britain later this month to winter in the Middle East state.

They will include Balanchine, who wintered in Dubai last year before returning to Britain to win the Oaks, the Irish Derby and finish second in the 1,000 Guineas. She has made an excellent recovery from a life threatening attack of colic in the summer and the intention is for her to remain in training when she returns to Britain next spring.

The classic victories of Balanchine and success of other horses such as Cezanne, the Irish Champion Stakes winner, has highlighted the value of the Dubai "experiment" involving British horses wintering in a warmer climate.

Keen Hunter, Emperor Jones, Lower Egypt and Shepton Mallet are other well-known horses on their way east. Cezanne will join them after running in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs. Although Lovely Millie, Belle Genius, Classic Cliche and Deceive are among the promising juvenile talent bought by Godolphin in recent weeks who will go to Dubai, the final plans for the two-year-olds are still to be confirmed.

However, Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said yesterday: "I would like to think we will have some classic ammunition."

Given the growing development of racing in Dubai, up to 40 of the horses being transported to Dubai will be sold to new owners. Shaikh Mohammed will distribute the rest among his five trainers who, for the first time, will include Erwan Charpy. A former manager of the National Stud in France, he had spells as assistant trainer with Ian Balding and Neil Drysdale. He has been training in Chantilly since 1991.

Racing in Dubai begins early next month and continues to the end of April. Kevin Darley, Willie Ryan, Paul Eddery, Michael and Richard Hills and Tony McGlone are among the British jockeys due to ride there. Another international jockeys' challenge will be staged in the spring while it is planned to stage a top-class international race within the next two or three years.

Crisford added: "It will be difficult to achieve the same amount of success next year but it has proved the training facilities in Dubai are as good as anywhere in the world and the climate helps considerably.

"The horses definitely had an edge when they came back here and what pleased me was that they held their form; they didn't dip at a crucial time and cause us a headache. Horses like Cezanne had been on the go and won five times in Dubai before returning here.

"If you have horses that can travel and can adapt to the routine it has to do them some good."

Blyton Lad dies

BLYTON Lad, one of the top sprinters in the North, collapsed and died yesterday. The eight-year-old was working under his regular rider, Stuart Webster, on Geoff Oldroyd's North Yorkshire gallops when he died.

Blyton Lad's career spanned seven years, and he had almost as many trainers, spending time with John Balding, the late Will Pearce, Ben Beasley, and Maurice Camacho before moving on to Oldroyd.

He ran in 50 races, and won ten times, including five successes in listed company. He landed three consecutive victories in Newmarket's Rous Stakes — from 1990 to 1992.

Clark set to break England record

By Richard Eaton

GILL Clark is set to break the record for England badminton caps after being included in the squad announced yesterday to play a series against China between October 18 and 24. Clark, whose 143 appearances make her England's most-capped woman, has equalled the achievement of the former European and Commonwealth champion, Steve Baddeley.

Barring injury or illness, the 32-year-old four-time former European doubles champion, who has won more than 30 grand prix titles, will achieve her record in St Austell on October 23.

The match to be played the day after, in Maidenhead, should also prove a landmark as it is designed to see Clark play the last match of her career in the last match of the tour.

She announced her retirement at the Commonwealth Games in August, after winning her twelfth Commonwealth medal in four Games — a record for any player.

"My body could go on but my mind has had enough," she said at the time. Clark should nevertheless enjoy her remaining two matches, for there has rarely been a more devoted or enthusiastic representative of England's cause.

She will become a commentator for Star Television as part of the $20 million deal the broadcasting company recently signed with the International Badminton Federation and the International Management Group, a deal aimed at making the world circuit more popular.

England have named 24 players for the six matches, with Sarah Hardaker, from Kent, a promising 18-year-old doubles player, set to make her debut in the opening match in Carlisle on October 18. Ciro Ciniglio, the England manager, said: "We have a good balance of youth and experience, which we hope will be the key to success. We intend to improve on last year's result, when China won 4-2."

ENGLAND: Men: D Hall (Essex), A Nielsen (Surrey), P Knowles (Kent), P Bush (Wilts), C Haughton (Lancs), J Robertson (Northants), N Ponting (Herts), N Cottrill (Middx), J Quinn (Middx), C Hunt (Lancs), S Archer (Worcs), I Pearson (Essex), J Anderson (Essex). Women: S Louis Lane (Devon), J Muggeridge (Kent), G Gowers (Herts), S Hardaker (Kent), A Humby (Hants), J Wright (Sussex), J Bradbury (Oxon), J Mann (Warwicks), G Clark (Surrey), J Davies (Lincs), N Beck (Bucks)

Woodhall shapes up for winning return

By Our Sports Staff

RICHIE Woodhall will today have the chance to test his newly cured fists on one of the hardest heads in the middleweight boxing division. After seven months out of the ring for operations on both hands, Woodhall returns with a defence of his Commonwealth title against Jacques Le Blanc, the Canadian strongman, at the Civic Hall, Wolverhampton.

Le Blanc, who has never been stopped or floored in 33 bouts, even though he has shared the same ring as the legendary Roberto Duran and Vinny Pazienza, the tough former world champion.

The unbeaten Woodhall, 26, said: "I'm not going out there to try and knock him out. Le Blanc is going to be there for the 12 rounds. He's a tough lad: not even Duran and Pazienza could put him away.

"This will be a good test of my fitness after a spell out, and of my hands. They are OK now, no problem. Now I'm looking to have a go at the European title of Italy's Agostino Cardamone."

Le Blanc, 30, used to enter "Toughman" competitions in hometown Shediac, Canada, but possesses no great punching power. He has lost five in a row and, with Woodhall content to box his way to success in the third defence of his crown, Le Blanc should be the loser.

Robert McCracken will be back in the ring next Tuesday — with a good-behaviour appeal to his Birmingham supporters. The British light-middleweight champion will meet Luis Francisco Pérez, of Mexico, in a ten-round bout at York Hall, Bethnal Green, a month after the chair-throwing riot which flared at the National Exhibition Centre before his title defence against Steve Foster, of Salford.

Rival supporters clashed during Nigel Benn's preceding World Boxing Council super-middleweight title defence against Juan Carlos Giménez, prompting a Boxing Board inquiry.

Mickey Duff, his manager, said: "Robert's sent a printed message with a photograph to all his fans to say that if there is trouble, it could affect his career. But I don't foresee any."

THE TIMES

COURAGE FIRST XV

The aim is to select the 15 players who will amass the highest score in the Courage Clubs Championship. Scores are calculated by multiplying each player's actual score by a rating factor, based on his past scoring record.

THE LEADING 50 ENTRIES

Pos	Team name (Selector)	Week Points	Cum Points	Pos	Team name (Selector)	Week Points	Cum Points
1	Baby in Waiting (Mr Gary Pearce)	182	2214	26	The Shed XV (Mr Neil Trigg)	285	1695
2	Old Bonsarodians (Mr R Skidington)	253	2017	27	Duncan Stew (Mr Peter Peel)	160	1690
3	No team name (No name)	408	1991	28	D N S Wanderers (Mr JA Currie)	197	1688
4	Normans Laddies (Mr John Norman)	364	1974	29	Greyvalley 6's (Mr G Utteridge)	393	1683
5	Dillicutshire (HLB Etherton)	198	1950	30	Bristol Old Blue (Mr R M Nicholls)	266	1679
6	North Place Acke (Mr Simon Mair)	288	1884	31	Waltham Fifteen (Mr Simon Stone)	165	1675
7	Party Poopers II (Mr J Curry)	174	1884	32	Newcastle Brown (GS Brown)	417	1671
8	Durham Exiles (E Warnes)	238	1851	33	No team name (Mr R Martin)	327	1670
9	The Glory Boys (N Maciver)	368	1799	34	Portway Perhaps (D Gaddes)	241	1670
10	Bloodbath City (Mr I Haste)	507	1795	35	Sporting Index O (Mr Alistair Hunter)	197	1668
11	Bellois De Chien (Mr B Rowland)	230	1791	36	Ice Cool Evil (Ms N Dobson)	489	1667
12	Holden's Extra D (J Holden)	513	1787	37	Friendly Ferrets (J Siddmore)	273	1659
13	Second XV (D Ewart)	288	1774	38	Kingsholm Kings (TJ Smith)	258	1658
14	Div Two Allstars (CB Lines)	283	1774	39	Simmos Select XV (Mr I Simpson)	77	1654
15	The Cobblers (Mr T Harrison)	166	1770	40	Earwigs (F Bell)	220	1651
16	No team name (J Hughes)	265	1760	41	Old Hayestonians (Mr A Hayes)	370	1650
17	Oakford (Mr B Smith)	303	1757	42	Als (Ms Jennifer Fitton)	588	1645
18	Hedonists (Mr A Coxon)	322	1758	43	Grimeys Gritters (Mr G Neal)	223	1644
19	Pendeen (Mr JTO Jones)	128	1754	44	Dislike Rugby XV (Mr R Martin)	234	1643
20	The Real First X (Mr C Chapman)	287	1747	45	LI Wanderers (Mr Christopher Jones)	165	1640
21	Old Bognerians (TGP Spurle)	357	1743	46	Sallyangs (Mr C Mason)	341	1639
22	Toppers X V (P Gorring)	418	1720	47	Scallywaggs (Mr The Occupier)	341	1639
23	Arctic (Mr Julian Ellis)	324	1709	48	Jock Strapps XV (D Weatherston)	208	1638
24	Telegraph Reader (Mr R Owsley)	193	1709	49	Scorchers XV (MJ Eskins)	290	1636
25	No team name (Mr D MacNally)	649	1705	50	Brokentooth XV (Mr D Collings)	343	1631

COURAGE BEST WEEKLY SCORES

In the lowest-scoring week yet, the winner is Mr D MacNally of Market Harborough. His 644 rated points bring him this week's prize of two cases of Courage beer and a BT satellite system – and boost his team to 25th place overall.

Mr MacNally's nominated club, Northampton RFC, can enjoy their first prize of the season – five cases of Courage Directors Bitter and two England training shirts. One of the shirts has been autographed by the current England squad.

Judges' ruling: In week three, N Ryan of Waterloo was wrongly credited with two penalty goals scored by a team mate (who is not listed). With the error corrected and the cumulative records updated, the highest team score of the week was 854 rated points rather than the published 877. The selector of that team, and rightful weekly prizewinner, is Mr A McDonnell of Claygate, Surrey. His nominated club is Cobham RFC.

THE SCORES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AND CUMULATIVE POINTS TOTALS

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PLAYER	CLUB	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS
15. FULL BACK					
LEAGUE 1					
001 J CALLARD	Bath	2K	0	0	50
002 P HULL	Bristol	11	0	0	55
003 M MAPLETOFT	Gloucester	4K	5	20	116
004 D PEARS	Harlequins	18	0	0	0
005 W KILFORD	Leicester	17	0	0	0
006 I HUNTER	Northampton	13	0	0	0
007 S TABERNER	Orrell	18	0	0	0
008 J MALLINDER	Sale	13	0	0	100
009 A BUZZA	Wasps	17	0	0	0
010 K OLIPHANT	West Hartlepool	6K	6	30	234
LEAGUE 2					
011 R GEE	Coventry	16	0	0	0
012 A PARKER	Fylde	5K	9	45	165
013 R HENNESSY	London Irish	10	0	0	0
014 D MILLARD	London Scottish	16	0	0	80
015 C DOSSETT	Moseley	17	0	0	0
016 S MASON	Newcastle Gosforth	6K	12	72	270
017 M GALLAGHER	Nottingham	7K	19	133	371
018 A TUNNINGLEY	Saracens	4K	12	48	128
019 M JACKSON	Wakefield	5K	20	100	220
020 S SWINDELLS	Waterloo	4K	0	0	140
14. RIGHT WING					
021 A SWIFT	Bath	10	0	0	180
022 D JOHN	Bristol	12	0	0	60
023 P HOLFORD	Gloucester	14	0	0	140
024 J KEYTER	Harlequins	18	0	0	80
025 A UNDERWOOD	Leicester	10	5	50	100
026 H THORNEYCROFT	Northampton	15	0	0	0
027 J NAYLOR	Orrell	12	5	60	60
028 S VERBICKAS	Sale	7	0	0	0
029 P HOPLEY	Wasps	11	0	0	0
030 O EVANS	West Hartlepool	12	0	0	0
031 B EVANS	Coventry	14	0	0	0
032 B HANAVAN	Fylde	9K	0	0	45
033 M CORCORAN	London Irish	6K	13	78	324
034 T WATSON	London Scottish	10	0	0	0
035 D HANSON	Moseley	12	0	0	0
036 D CASADO	Newcastle Gosforth	13	5	65	65
037 R BYROM	Nottingham	14	0	0	0
038 M KEMP	Saracens	16	0	0	0
039 K MORLEY	Wakefield	13	0	0	195
040 G MEREDITH	Waterloo	14	0	0	0
13. OUTSIDE CENTRE					
041 P DE GLANVILLE	Bath	13	0	0	65
042 A SAVERIMUTTO	Bristol	9	0	0	0
043 S MASLEN	Gloucester	17	0	0	0
044 G THOMPSON	Harlequins	18	0	0	0
045 I BATES	Leicester	17	0	0	0
046 K MORGAN	Northampton	16	0	0	0
047 S LANGFORD	Orrell	7K	17	119	140
048 J BAXENDELL	Sale	17	0	0	0
049 D HOPLEY	Wasps	14	0	0	140
050 A ELWINE	West Hartlepool	22	0	0	0
051 M CURTIS	Coventry	23	0	0	0
052 P SEED	Fylde	19	0	0	0
053 R HENDERSON	London Irish	19	5	95	95
054 M SLY	London Scottish	23	0	0	0
055 J BONNEY	Moseley	20	0	0	0
056 R WILKINSON	Newcastle Gosforth	13	5	65	200
057 A FURLEY	Nottingham	22	0	0	110
058 J BUCKTON	Saracens	15	0	0	0
059 A METCALFE	Wakefield	22	0	0	0
060 A NORTHEY	Waterloo	23	0	0	115
12. INSIDE CENTRE					
061 J GUSCOTT	Bath	10	0	0	0
062 R KNIBBS	Bristol	13	0	0	0
063 S MORRIS	Gloucester	18	0	0	300
064 W CARLING	Harlequins	12	0	0	60
065 S POTTER	Leicester	13	0	0	0
066 N BEAL	Northampton	8	0	0	0
067 I WYNN	Orrell	14	0	0	210
068 G STOCKS	Sale	17	0	0	85
069 G CHILDS	Wasps	16	0	0	160
070 P HODDER	West Hartlepool	15	5	75	75
071 M LAKEY	Coventry	12	0	0	0
072 S GOUGH	Fylde	17	0	0	85
073 S BURNS	London Irish	14	0	0	0
074 R ERICKSSON	London Scottish	15	0	0	0
075 A KERR	Moseley	7K	0	0	63
076 M TETLOW	Newcastle Gosforth	20	0	0	0
077 B MUSTO	Nottingham	21	0	0	105
078 S RAVENSCROFT	Saracens	19	0	0	0
079 P WHITE	Wakefield	20	0	0	0
080 A HANDLEY	Waterloo	13	0	0	0
11. LEFT WING					
081 S GEOGHEGAN	Bath	10	0	0	0
082 S CROSSLAND	Bristol	12	0	0	0
083 T SMITH	Gloucester	5K	5	25	60
084 D O'LEARY	Harlequins	7	0	0	35
085 R UNDERWOOD	Leicester	11	0	0	0
086 C MOIR	Northampton	14	0	0	0
087 P HAMER	Orrell	13	0	0	0
088 M APPLESON	Sale	16	0	0	160
089 S HUNTER	Wasps	14	0	0	140
090 D COOKE	West Hartlepool	14	0	0	0
091 D WOODMAN	Coventry	11	0	0	0
092 G ANDERTON	Fylde	15	0	0	75
093 V ROLANDI	London Irish	12	0	0	0
094 S WICHARY	London Scottish	9	7	63	108
095 E ANDERSON	Moseley	14	0	0	0
096 T PENN	Newcastle Gosforth	12	5	60	60
097 A SMALLWOOD	Nottingham	9	5	45	45
098 P HARRIES	Saracens	12	0	0	120
099 R THOMPSON	Wakefield	13	0	0	130
100 S GREENHALGH	Waterloo	16	0	0	0
10. STAND-OFF					
101 M CATT	Bath	10	5	50	170
102 M TAINTON	Bristol	2K	18	36	120
103 L OSBORNE	Gloucester	10	0	0	0
104 P CHALLINOR	Harlequins	7K	15	105	280
105 J HARRIS	Leicester	2K	18	36	84
106 P GRAYSON	Northampton	3K	15	45	155
107 G AINSCOUGH	Orrell	6K	0	0	65
108 P TURNER	Sale	3K	4	12	114
109 R ANDREW	Wasps	2K	18	36	100
110 J STABLER	West Hartlepool	5K	0	0	25
111 R ANGELL	Coventry	5K	0	0	125
112 I BARCLAY	Fylde	17	3	51	272
113 O COBBE	London Irish	22	0	0	0
114 M WALKER	London Scottish	5K	10	50	105
115 S HODGKINSON	Moseley	5K	5	25	180
116 I CHANDLER	Newcastle Gosforth	9K	0	0	45
117 N CARROLL	Nottingham	12	0	0	0
118 A LEE	Saracens	12	5	60	162
119 R PETYT	Wakefield	10	0	0	0
120 N RYAN	Waterloo	24	5	120	330
9. SCRUM HALF					
121 I SANDERS	Bath	16	5	80	80
122 K BRACKEN	Bristol	13	0	0	0
123 B FENLEY	Gloucester	16	0	0	0
124 R KITCHIN	Harlequins	18	0	0	0
125 A KARDOONI	Leicester	18	0	0	0
126 M DAWSON	Northampton	18	0	0	0
127 D MORRIS	Orrell	12	0	0	0
128 C SAVERIMUTTO	Sale	22	0	0	0
129 S BATES	Wasps	16	0	0	0
130 J WRIGLEY	West Hartlepool	14	0	0	0
131 M DOUGLAS	Coventry	22	0	0	220
132 C O'TOOLE	Fylde	20	0	0	0
133 R SAUNDERS	London Irish	19	0	0	95
134 K TROUP	London Scottish	23	3	69	414
135 G BECCONSALL	Moseley	20	0	0	0
136 S DOUGLAS	Newcastle Gosforth	14	0	0	0
137 A ROYER	Nottingham	24	0	0	0
138 B DAVIES	Saracens	18	0	0	0
139 D SCULLY	Wakefield	16	0	0	0
140 S WRIGHT	Waterloo	25	0	0	0
1. LOOSE HEAD PROP					
141 D HILTON	Bath	33	0	0	0
142 A SHARP	Bristol	41	0	0	0
143 A WINDO	Gloucester	30	0	0	0
144 J LEONARD	Harlequins	36	0	0	0
145 G ROWNTREE	Leicester	37	0	0	0
146 M HYNES	Northampton	49	0	0	0
147 P WINSTANLEY	Orrell	38	0	0	114
148 P SMITH	Sale	46	0	0	0
149 C HOLMES	Wasps	37	0	0	0
150 P LANCASTER	West Hartlepool	44	0	0	0
151 S TREGALIS	Coventry	40	0	0	0
152 C BURNS	Fylde	44	0	0	0
153 N DONOVAN	London Irish	33	0	0	0
154 A STEWART	London Scottish	45	0	0	0
155 M LINNETT	Moseley	20	0	0	150
156 M FRASER	Newcastle Gosforth	38	0	0	0
157 M FREER	Nottingham	45	0	0	0
158 R ANDREWS	Saracens	37	0	0	0
159 R SZABO	Wakefield	36	0	0	0
160 S PETERS	Waterloo	30	0	0	0
2. HOOKER					
161 G DAWE	Bath	34	0	0	0
162 M REGAN	Bristol	40	0	0	200
163 D KEARNEY	Gloucester	36	0	0	0
164 B MOORE	Harlequins	35	0	0	175
165 R COCKERILL	Leicester	38	0	0	0
166 A CLARKE	Northampton	40	0	0	0
167 T REDMOND	Orrell	30	0	0	0
168 S DIAMOND	Sale	33	0	0	0
169 K DUNN	Wasps	38	0	0	0
170 S MITCHELL	West Hartlepool	31	0	0	0
171 D ADDLETON	Coventry	46	0	0	0
172 A MOFFAT	Fylde	47	0	0	0
173 R KELLAM	London Irish	38	0	0	0
174 L MAIR	London Scottish	42	0	0	0
175 D BALL	Moseley	36	0	0	0
176 A HETHERINGTON	Newcastle Gosforth	33	0	0	0
177 D WEST	Nottingham	35	0	0	0
178 G BOTTERMAN	Saracens	41	0	0	0
179 T GARNETT	Wakefield	37	0	0	0
180 M HAYTON	Waterloo	46	0	0	0
3. TIGHT HEAD PROP					
181 V UBOGU	Bath	20	0	0	0
182 D HINKINS	Bristol	41	0	0	0
183 A DEACON	Gloucester	32	0	0	0
184 A MULLINS	Harlequins	38	0	0	0
185 D GARFORTH	Leicester	35	0	0	0
186 M HYNES	Northampton	40	0	0	0
187 J CUNDICK	Orrell	44	0	0	0
188 A SMITH	Sale	40	0	0	0
189 I DUNSTAN	Wasps	37	0	0	185
190 D RUSBY	West Hartlepool	46	0	0	0
191 R HARDWICK	Coventry	38	0	0	0
192 S RUSBY	Fylde	48	0	0	0
193 G HALPIN	London Irish	36	0	0	180
194 P BURNELL	London Scottish	42	0	0	0
195 B WEBBER	Moseley	45	0	0	0
196 P VAN ZANDVLIET	Newcastle Gosforth	32	5	160	160
197 A JACKSON	Nottingham	35	0	0	0
198 S WILSON	Saracens	38	0	0	0
199 S McNAIR	Wakefield	39	0	0	0
200 M BECKETT	Waterloo	36	0	0	0
4. LOCK RH					
201 N REDMAN	Bath	30	0	0	0
202 S SHAW	Bristol	37	0	0	0
203 R WEST	Gloucester	41	0	0	0
204 A SNOW	Harlequins	30	0	0	0
205 M JOHNSON	Leicester	32	0	0	160
206 N EDWARDS	Northampton	38	0	0	0
207 C COOPER	Orrell	37	0	0	0
208 D BALDWIN	Sale	31	0	0	0
209 R KINSEY	Wasps	36	0	0	0
210 J DIXON	West Hartlepool	34	0	0	0
211 J HYDE	Coventry	48	0	0	0
212 P O'NEIL	Fylde	46	0	0	0
213 C HALL	London Irish	42	0	0	0
214 A NESBIT	London Scottish	40	0	0	0
215 G WATSON	Moseley	35	0	0	0
216 J FOWLER	Newcastle Gosforth	40	0	0	0
217 D HINDMARCH	Nottingham	45	0	0	0
218 M LANGLEY	Saracens	43	0	0	0
219 E CROFT	Wakefield	40	0	0	0
220 P WHITE	Waterloo	48	0	0	240
5. LOCK LH					
221 A REED	Bath	35	0	0	0
222 A BLACKMORE	Bristol	35	0	0	0
223 D SIMS	Gloucester	36	0	0	0
224 B DAVISON	Harlequins	46	0	0	0
225 M POOLE	Leicester	04	0	0	0
226 M BAYFIELD	Northampton	32	0	0	0
227 C CUSANI	Orrell	40	0	0	0
228 R McCARTNEY	Sale	39	0	0	0
229 N HADLEY	Wasps	32	0	0	0
230 K WESTGARTH	West Hartlepool	40	0	0	0
231 R MACKIE	Coventry	37	0	0	0
232 J TAYLOR	Fylde	39	0	0	0
233 A HIGGINS	London Irish	38	0	0	180
234 R SCOTT	London Scottish	40	0	0	0
235 S LLOYD	Moseley	35	0	0	0
236 G ARCHER	Newcastle Gosforth	40	0	0	280
237 C GRAY	Nottingham	42	0	0	0
238 M BURROW	Saracens	44	0	0	0
239 D FALKINGHAM	Wakefield	48	0	0	0
240 N ALLOTT	Waterloo	48	0	0	0
6. BLIND SIDE FLANKER					
241 S OJOMOH	Bath	21	0	0	0
242 I PATTEN	Bristol	24	0	0	0
243 P GLANVILLE	Gloucester	27	0	0	0
244 T COKER	Harlequins	35	0	0	0
245 J WELLS	Leicester	24	0	0	0
246 P WALTON	Northampton	22	0	0	0
247 P MANLEY	Orrell	29	0	0	0
248 M KENRICK	Sale	18	0	0	0
249 M GREENWOOD	Wasps	27	0	0	135
250 D MITCHELL	West Hartlepool	35	0	0	0
251 L CROFTS	Coventry	34	0	0	0
252 G RUSSELL	Fylde	34	0	0	0
253 J SHARKEY	London Irish	29	0	0	0
254 I MORRISON	London Scottish	32	5	160	160
255 R POLL	Moseley	29	5	145	145
256 N CORRY	Newcastle Gosforth	27	0	0	105
257 N MERRY	Nottingham	30	0	0	0
258 J GREEN	Saracens	28	5	140	280
259 P STEWART	Wakefield	32	0	0	0
260 D BLYTH	Waterloo	34	0	0	0
7. OPEN SIDE FLANKER					
261 J HALL	Bath	23	0	0	0
262 D EVES	Bristol	20	0	0	280
263 I SMITH	Gloucester	30	0	0	0
264 R JENKINS	Harlequins	27	0	0	0
265 N BACK	Leicester	19	0	0	0
266 D MERLIN	Northampton	29	0	0	0
267 S BIBBY	Orrell	28	0	0	0
268 K ASHURST	Sale	30	5	150	300
269 L DALLAGLIO	Wasps	27	0	0	270
270 A BROWN	West Hartlepool	30	0	0	0
271 J HORROBIN	Coventry	32	0	0	160
272 I ASHTON	Fylde	33	0	0	165
273 P HEARY	London Irish	29	0	0	0
274 I DIXON	London Scottish	30	0	0	0
275 M ORD	Moseley	35	0	0	0
276 N FRANKLAND	Newcastle Gosforth	26	0	0	0
277 G REES	Nottingham	33	0	0	0
278 R HILL	Saracens	19	0	0	0
279 J GRIFFITHS	Wakefield	34	0	0	0
280 P BUCKTON	Waterloo	33	0	0	0
8. No.8					
281 B CLARKE	Bath	14	0	0	70
282 C BARROW	Bristol	21	0	0	0
283 M NICHOLLS	Gloucester	22	0	0	0
284 C SHEASBY	Harlequins	20	0	0	200
285 D RICHARDS	Leicester	18	0	0	0
286 T RODBER	Northampton	16	0	0	0
287 D CLEARY	Orrell	25	0	0	0
288 C VYVYAN	Sale	22	5	110	220
289 D RYAN	Wasps	19	0	0	55
290 M WATSON	West Hartlepool	20	0	0	0
291 K HICKEY	Coventry	18	0	0	0
292 M GREATOREX	Fylde	21	0	0	0
293 C BIRD	London Irish	17	0	0	0
294 D LECKIE	London Scottish	22	0	0	0
295 W HART	Moseley	23	0	0	0
296 R ARNOLD	Newcastle Gosforth	18	0	0	90
297 M BRADLEY	Nottingham	16	5	80	80
298 A DIPROSE	Saracens	19	0	0	130
299 M SOWERBY	Wakefield	27	0	0	0
300 S BEELEY	Waterloo	29	0	0	145

Your current team selection is valid for the competition which covers the full 18-match Courage Clubs Championship and for the competition covering the first half of the league season, ending November 5. After that date there will be the opportunity to enter a new selection for the competition covering the second half of the season (January 7 – April 29).

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Vodafone makes Derby connection

By Julian Muscat

VODAFONE, the mobile telecommunications company, was yesterday revealed as the new sponsor of the Derby in a deal worth £3.5 million over three years as Epsom's new owners announced a series of sweeping changes to the world's most famous horse race.

The support of Vodafone, which takes over the sponsorship from Ever Ready, means the 1995 Derby will be worth more than £500,000 to the winning owner. And the Derby meeting, which has been in decline in recent years, will offer added prize-money in excess of £1 million for the first time. Lester Piggott, nine times a Derby winner, was on hand to unveil the new alliance at a gathering in London yesterday.

Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT), which bought Epsom racecourse as part of a £30.25 million package five months ago, also confirmed that the 1995 Vodafone Derby will be run on the middle day of a three-day meeting. When the stalls burst open at 3.50pm on Saturday, June 10, it will mark the first occasion the Blue Riband is contested on a Saturday since Pinza stormed to victory in 1953. The Queen, a regular visitor to Epsom, has been kept abreast of the changes and hopes to be in attendance as usual.

In announcing details of the changes, Christopher Sporborg, chairman of United Racecourses, which runs Epsom on behalf of RHT, said yesterday: "The deal is what we believe to be the most valuable sponsorship in the whole of European racing. Only by reviewing the racing programme and rescheduling the Derby to the weekend can the race maximise its impact on the public in Britain and the rest of the world." Ladbrokes estimate that RHT's action could raise betting turnover on the big day to £50 million, an increase of 50 per cent.

As for as the regeneration of the Derby meeting, the overhaul of the racing programme is as important as the sponsorship package. This year, only 1,500 paying spectators attended the second day of the meeting, when prize-money was minimal and the atmosphere non-existent.

Next year's fixture, which opens on Friday, June 9, will centre around the fillies' classic, the Vodafone Oaks. Prize-money will total £295,000, a 55 per cent increase on the equivalent day this year. The Coronation Cup will be run immediately before the Derby on the Saturday.

Details of the card on Sunday, the last day of the meeting, have yet to be finalised, although the day will cater more for the general public with the emphasis on family entertainment. No race will carry added prize-money of less than £15,000, a stark contrast to the situation in June, when three races on the second day of the meeting each offered winning purses of less than £4,000.

Although RHT's priority has been to raise the profile of the supporting card, the trust has its eye firmly on the first £1 million Derby. It also expects to increase revenues from worldwide television coverage to £14 million from the present £4 million. Further improvements are expected to embrace the re-siting of the paddock behind the grandstands and the creation of a Club enclosure with room for up to 4,000 racegoers.

The company profile of Vodafone, whose market capitalisation of £6 billion places it among the top 25 companies quoted on the London Stock Exchange, mirrors that expressly sought by RHT: namely a British firm with strong international links. Vodafone's chairman is Sir Ernest Harrison, a part-owner in Cacoethes, who ran third behind Nashwan in the 1989 Derby. "No single sporting event carries as much international prestige as the Epsom Derby," Harrison said yesterday.

As part of the deal, Vodafone has secured exclusive rights to the names of all races run at the meeting in addition to all perimeter advertising. It also holds an option to renew its association with the Derby for two years when the present deal expires in 1997.

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IAN STEWART

Erhaab, powering to a famous victory in this year's Derby, has been sold to a syndicate of Japanese breeders for £3.5 million

Erhaab's sale agreed

THE sale of Erhaab, the Derby winner, for stallion duties in Japan was completed last night when the colt's owner, Shaikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, agreed to the terms outlined by Johnny McKeever Bloodstock, a Newmarket-based agency representing a syndicate of Japanese breeders (Julian Muscat writes).

After the shaikh rejected an initial bid of $5 million (£3.2m), the stakes were raised by $500,000 and that proved enough to take Erhaab to the Far East. Erhaab is the third consecutive Derby winner, following Dr Devious and Commander In Chief, to be purchased outright by Japanese breeders. Confirmation of the deal, first reported in *The Times* two weeks ago, is expected today.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LYNTON LAD (2.00 York)

Next best: Old Bridge (4.40 Market Rasen)

YORK

THUNDERER

2.00 Golden Danehill. 2.30 Ultimo Imperatore. 3.00 Gone Savage. 3.30 Soba Up. 4.00 Beauchamp Jazz. 4.30 The Flying Phantom. 5.00 Forest Cat.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 NIJO (nap). 4.30 Poltarf. 5.00 Forest Cat.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 LEOPARDSTOWN NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £6,004: 6f) (10 runners)

101 (5) 212 LYNTON LAD 12 (G) (Uplands Bloodstock) E Dunlop 9-7 . W Ryan 89
102 (6) 434 GOOD RIDDANCE 79 (J Hanson) C Thornton 8-8 . Dean McKeown 90
103 (4) 633002 GOLDEN DANEHILL 14 (S) (D Seale) P Hannon 8-4 . R Perham 98
104 (9) 034503 SOLO PRIZE 12 (B,S) (Whee Bea Ltd) G Lewis 8-4 . Paul Eddery 93
105 (7) 3402 BRECONGILL LAD 33 (Three Horse Shoes Partnership) Miss S Hall 8-1 N Connorton 93
106 (1) 052 NOBLE NEPTUNE 22 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 7-11 . G Bardwell 95
107 (3) 6432 SUE ME 8 (M Payton) W Muir 7-10 . W Carson 91
108 (2) 035102 CUMBRIAN MINSTREL 18 (B,F) (Cumbrian Ind) M H Easterby 7-10 N Carlisle 91
109 (8) 0051 PERRYSTON VIEW 12 (V,D,G) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 7-9 . Dale Gibson 99
110 (10) 001502 FLAMBORO 18 (D,G) (Footballers Racing Club) J Berry 7-7 N Varley (5) 94

BETTING: 3-1 Cumbrian Minstrel, 4-1 Lynton Lad, 5-1 Golden Danehill, Perryston View, 8-1 others.

1993: IN LIKE FLYNN 9-4 Pat Eddery (8-1) R Hannon 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

LYNTON LAD 4¾l 3rd of 8 to Fire Dome in conditions race at Ascot (5f, good). GOLDEN DANEHILL 2l 2nd of 9 to Tonka in nursery at Chester (7f, good to soft). SOLO PRIZE 4l 3rd of 7 to Star Tulip in nursery at Haydock (6f, good to soft). NOBLE NEPTUNE 1½l 2nd of 17 to Warning Shot in maiden auction at Sandown (5f, good to soft). CUMBRIAN MINSTREL 1l 2nd of 9 to Here Comes Risky in nursery at Ayr (6f, good to soft). PERRYSTON VIEW beat Embezzler ¾l in 13-runner nursery at Redcar (6f, good).
Selection: LYNTON LAD

2.30 MICKLEGATE CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,170: 7f 202yd) (5 runners)

201 (1) 100003 ULTIMO IMPERATORE 18 (D,F,G,S) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 3-9-8 W Carson 88
202 (4) 230411- PATER NOSTER 302 (D,G,S) (M Myers) Mrs J Cecil 5-9-6 . Paul Eddery 88
203 (2) 335320 GOLD LAND 13 (C,F,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-8-12 . T Quinn 93
204 (5) 301454 NIJO 48 (G) (Shadri Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) D Loder 3-8-12 J Weaver 99
205 (3) 10- WEST QUEST 318 (S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-8-10 . R Cochrane 62

BETTING: 6-4 Ultimo Imperatore, 9-4 Nijo, 4-1 Pater Noster, 9-2 Gold Land, 8-1 West Quest

1993: BASHAYER 3-8-7 W Carson (4-1) W Hern 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ULTIMO IMPERATORE 2l and head 3rd of 12 to Mysterious Ways in listed race at the Curragh (7f, yielding to soft). PATER NOSTER beat Gulf Water 1½l in 13-runner listed race at Maisons-Laffitte (1m heavy). GOLD LAND 10l 7th of 9 to Mistaldoun in conditions race at Ascot (7f, good to soft). NIJO 2l 4th of 15 to Cleangamore in listed race at York (7f good to firm). WEST QUEST 19l 8th of 12 to Cielo Del Nordo in group II Premio Guido Berardelli at Capannelle, Rome (1m 2f, heavy) last November.
Selection: NIJO

3.00 NEWINGTON HOTEL YORK RACEGOERS HANDICAP (£6,209: 5f) (19 runners)

301 (11) 040140 JUST BOB 25 (D,F,G,S) (J Fotherby) S Kettlewell 5-10-0 . D R McCabe (5) 93
302 (14) 400000 KNAYTON LASS 18 (B,D,F) (Mrs J Caverson) M W Easterby 3-10-0 L Newton (5) 91
303 (5) 220100 BEAU VENTURE 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 6-9-13 . R Lappin 93
304 (3) 505403 MACS MAHARANEE 25 (D,F,G) (J Martin) P Felgate 7-9-12 . J Stack (5) 94
305 (2) 121000 SADDLEHOME 92 (CD,F,G) (W Clarke) T Barron 5-9-8 . J Fortune 86
306 (12) 000160 MISS VAXETTE 37 (CD,F,S) (Mrs J Williams) M Brittain 5-9-8 . J Lowe 92
307 (9) 010000 GONDO 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 7-9-4 . N Carlisle 97
308 (4) 045030 BELLS OF LONGWICK 11 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 5-9-3 . R Price 99
309 (18) 600000 GONE SAVAGE 20 (D,F,G,S) (C Roberts) W Musson 6-9-2 . Paul Eddery 97
310 (19) 121135 SPENDER 14 (D,BF,F,G) (The Entrepreneurs) P Harris 5-9-0 . R Cochrane 89
311 (1) 0-32322 HICKORY BLUE 16 (B,BF) (Mrs C Griffin) J Glover 4-8-13 . G Carter 93
312 (7) 232400 PALLIUM 23 (D,F,G) (W Kelly) Mrs A Naughton 6-8-13 . P Robinson 94
313 (17) 151012 BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY 11 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs J Hunt) S Bowring 4-8-13 S D Williams 97
314 (8) 122342 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 16 (D,F,G) (Exors of Mr J Martin) Mrs A King 5-8-11 T Quinn 93
315 (15) 226244 CRAIGIE BOY 11 (B,BF,G,S) (B Rayner) N Bycroft 4-8-10 . Dean McKeown 94
316 (16) 231201 THE FED 16 (D,F,S) (The Country Lane Partnership) R Whitaker 4-8-10 W Ryan 94
317 (6) 000300 SIR TASKER 16 (D,F,G) (J Coupland) J L Harris 5-8-10 . N Varley (5) 95
318 (13) 230000 MUZZ 12 (D,G,S) (J Clopet) M Johnston 3-8-9 . J Weaver 90
319 (10) 02-21 FAIREY FIREFLY 156 (F) (B Stanton) M Camacho 3-8-8 . L Charnock 89

BETTING: 7-1 Broadstairs Beauty, 9-1 Craigie Boy, 10-1 Spender, Hickory Blue, 12-1 Macs Maharanee, The Fed, Followmegirls, 14-1 others.

1993: SIMMIES SPECIAL 5-8-5 W Ryan (16-1) R Hollinshead 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAU VENTURE best recent effort beating GONDO (2lb worse off) short-head in handicap at Haydock (5f, good) with JUST BOB (2lb better off) 3½l 7th. MACS MAHARANEE 3l 3rd of 17 to Join The Clan in handicap at Leicester (5f, good) with PALLIUM (11b better off) 8l 8th and THE FED (8lb worse off) 5l 13th. SPENDER 3¼l 5th to Scored Again in handicap at Chester (5f, good to soft) with GONDO (3lb better off) 6¾l 7th. BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY ¾l 2nd to Name The Tune in handicap at Haydock (5f, good to soft) with CRAIGIE BOY (2lb better off) 1¾l 4th, BELLS OF LONGWICK (4lb better off) 3l 8th, BEAU VENTURE (3lb better off) ½l 10th and GONDO (4lb better off) 2l 13th. FOLLOWMEGIRLS head 2nd of 17 to Seaside Minstrel in handicap at Pontefract (5f, good to soft). THE FED beat HICKORY BLUE (4lb better off) 1¾l in handicap at Nottingham (5f, good to soft) with SIR TASKER (8lb better off) 10¾l 18th.
Selection: BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY

3.30 GOODRAMGATE HANDICAP (£5,709: 1m 2f 85yd) (14 runners)

401 (6) 220-140 BLUE GROTTO 117 (F) (Mrs C Davis) M Tompkins 4-9-11 . P Robinson 87
402 (13) 045203 ERZIA 11 (D,F,S) (Mrs H Calzini) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-9 . R Cochrane 90
403 (11) 218615 LOWAWATHA 25 (D,F,G,S) (N Lunn) D Morris 6-9-9 . Stephen Davies (3) 95
404 (10) 1-13330 FOX SPARROW 11 (D,S) (Miss M Sheriff) R Charlton 4-9-8 . S Raymont 93
405 (8) 115010 BEAUMONT 103 (D,F,S) (Garth Thoroughbreds Ltd) J Pearce 4-9-6 Paul Eddery 89
406 (12) 000131 COOL LUKE 18 (D,F,S) (B Batey) G Moore 5-9-1 . M Tebbutt 97
407 (4) 010660 SURPRISE GUEST 26 (D,F,G,S) (M Doyle) M Johnston 3-8-13 . J Weaver 98
408 (14) 138503 I'M A DREAMER 11 (D,F,G) (D Marshall) W Haggas 4-8-9 . Dean McKeown 91
409 (2) 042014 HUNTERS' HEAVEN 22 (D,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-7 . T Quinn 99
410 (9) 215044- DARING PAST 156J (D,G) (J Petty) M Hammond 4-8-2 . W Carson 89
411 (5) 500/56-1 MATHAL 11 (D,S) (Four J's Syndicate) C Allan 5-8-2 . N Carlisle 95
412 (7) 000042 SOBA UP 11 (D,S) (Mrs M Hills) J Ethennington 4-7-13 . L Charnock 95
413 (1) 300303 SAINT CIEL 16 (D,BF,F,S) (Tam Racing) F Jordan 6-7-12 . J Lowe 92
414 (3) 413301 TREAD THE BOARDS 34 (CD,F,G) (G Martin) T Barron 3-7-7 . N Varley (5) 97

BETTING: 5-1 Lowawatha, 6-1 Mathal, 7-1 Soba Up, Erzia, 8-1 Cool Luke, 10-1 I'm A Dreamer, Hunters' Heaven, 12-1 others.

1993: BIT ON THE SIDE 4-9-3 Pat Eddery (5-1) W Musson 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ERZIA 3½l 3rd to Locorotondo in rated stakes at Redcar (1m 3f, good to soft). LOWAWATHA beat Diskette 2½l in handicap at Epsom (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SURPRISE GUEST 8l 9th of 16 to Burooj in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). MATHAL beat SOBA UP (3lb better off) 1¾l in 11-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to soft) with I'M A DREAMER (4lb better off) 1l 3rd and FOX SPARROW (8lb better off) 6¾l 9th. SAINT CIEL 3l 3rd of 17 to Clouded Elegance in a handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f soft). TREAD THE BOARDS beat Telephus 2½l in apprentices' handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good).
Selection: MATHAL

4.00 MONKGATE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,548: 7f 202yd) (7 runners)

501 (5) 40232 BEAUCHAMP JAZZ 32 (E Penser) J Dunlop 9-0 . W Carson 99
502 (4) 0 BEAU MATELOT 12 (Miss H Dawson) J Bethell 9-0 . Dale Gibson –
503 (2) 2 DEANO'S BEENO 33 (P Dean) M Johnston 9-0 . J Weaver 87
504 (1) 0 SHINING EXAMPLE 12 (D Abas) P Makin 9-0 . R Perham –
505 (6) 0 SHOW FLAIR 33 (P Towey) J Wainwright 9-0 . Dean McKeown –
506 (3) FORGOTTEN EMPRESS (R Fenwick-Gibson) Miss S Hall 8-9 . N Connorton –
507 (7) 0 NO EXCHANGE 11 (ROM Racing) M W Easterby 8-9 . L Charnock –

BETTING: 4-5 Beauchamp Jazz, 7-4 Deano's Beeno, 12-1 Show Flair, 20-1 Beau Matelot, 25-1 others.

1993: CLYDE GODDESS 8-11 W Carson (9-2) J Dunlop 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAUCHAMP JAZZ ¾l 2nd of 15 to Al Widyan in maiden at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). BEAU MATELOT 12l 9th of 18 to Last Roundup in maiden auction at Redcar (7f, good) with SHINING EXAMPLE short-head 10th. DEANO'S BEENO 1¾l 2nd of 9 to Warning Order in maiden auction at Haydock (1m, good). SHOW FLAIR 14l 10th of 13 to Galora in claimer at Haydock (6f, good). FORGOTTEN EMPRESS (foaled April 3, cost 4,000gns) Half-sister by Dowsing to 7f winner Broom Isle and winner in France, dam 1m 4f winner at four years.
Selection: BEAUCHAMP JAZZ

4.30 GILLYGATE CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,906: 1m 5f 194yd) (5 runners)

601 (5) 2212-06 PURPLE SPLASH 154 (D,S) (C Wallord) P Makin 4-9-4 . R Perham 78
602 (2) 04133- CALIANDAK 183J (D,G) (G Leatham) N Tinkler 4-9-3 . J Weaver 64
603 (3) 01401 POLTARF 12 (D,F,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-11 . W Ryan 99
604 (4) 1 SMUGGLING 106 (D,F) (Lady Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-9 . J Lowe 74
605 (1) 623422 THE FLYING PHANTOM 8 (F) (P Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 3-8-8 . P Robinson 98

BETTING: Evens Poltarf, 3-1 The Flying Phantom, 4-1 Smuggling, 7-1 Purple Splash, 14-1 Caliandak.

1993: WITNESS BOX 6-9-5 M Roberts (11-8 fav) J Gosden 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

PURPLE SPLASH about 4¾l 6th of 17 to Dovce in handicap at Chester (2m 2f 117yd, good to firm). CALIANDAK best effort beating Alyrey ¾l in maiden at Tralee (1m 6f, good) August 1993. POLTARF beat Tethys 7l in conditions race at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft). SMUGGLING beat Jubilee Royale 3½l in maiden at Yarmouth (1m 6f, good to firm). THE FLYING PHANTOM 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Saxon Maid in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good).
Selection: POLTARF (nap)

5.00 EBF SPURRIERGATE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,434: 6f) (7 runners)

1 (4) BARREL OF HOPE (P Watson) C Thornton 9-0 . J Fortune –
2 (5) BOWCLIFFE GRANGE (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-0 . N Connorton –
3 (2) 0 BRANDON EXPRESS 9 (R Michaelson) I Balding 9-0 . T Quinn 86
4 (1) 03 BENT AL FALA 7 (H Salem) B Hanbury 8-9 . W Ryan 95
5 (7) 4 FOREST CAT 21 (G Ward) Mrs J Cecil 8-9 . W Woods 95
6 (6) 44 SOLIANNA 6 (Mrs M Hunt) M Channon 8-9 . Candy Morris 99
7 (3) TREASURE KEAY (B Whitehouse) P Makin 8-9 . R Perham –

BETTING: 5-2 Bent Al Fala, 3-1 Forest Cat, Solianna, 6-1 Brandon Express, 8-1 Bowcliffe Grange, 10-1 others.

1993: COOL JAZZ 9-0 M Roberts (15-8 fav) C Brittain 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARREL OF HOPE (foaled April 29, cost 8,200gns) Half-brother by Distant Relative to Dime Time, useful 7f handicapper, dam dual 6f juvenile winner. BOWCLIFFE GRANGE (May 15, 9,000gns) Half-brother by Dominion Royale to Brilliant, 6f juvenile winner, dam won 4 races over 5f as a juvenile. BRANDON EXPRESS 11l 8th of 13 to Sylvandra in maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good). BENT AL FALA head and 3½l 3rd of 11 to Bahith in maiden at Newcastle (6f, good). FOREST CAT about 2l 4th of 18 to Musica in maiden at Beverley (5f, good). SOLIANNA 1¾l 4th of 12 to Haddeyah in maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to soft).
Selection: FOREST CAT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	26	110	23.6	W Ryan	12	82	14.6
D Loder	3	13	23.1	W Carson	36	254	14.2
P Cole	14	62	22.6	T Quinn	10	95	10.5
R Charlton	10	45	22.2				
J Dunlop	18	82	22.0				
G Lewis	4	19	21.1	Only qualifiers			

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 Philgun. 2.45 Floodline Lady. 3.15 Slmaat. 3.45 Midyan Blue. 4.15 SPANIARDS CLOSE (nap). 4.45 Rahy Zoman. 5.15 Pemley.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 SPANIARDS CLOSE.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£3,111: 1m 6f) (18 runners)

1 (15) 2244 BOTTLES 61 (D,F,G) J Banks 7-10-0 . K Rutter 91
2 (8) 1240 PHILGUN 18 (V,CD,F,G,S) W Elsey 5-9-13 . R Painter 98
3 (9) 4506 ROBERTY LEA 18 (C,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-12 . S Copp 99
4 (1) 435 BELLS 15 (BF) L Cumani 3-9-4 . G Mitchell 90
5 (13) 2140 MR TOWSER 9 (G) W Haigh 3-9-2 . J Tate 94
6 (6) 3536 DANCING TRALTHEE 18 (F,G) J Payne 4-9-8 . Sarah Thompson 91
7 (16) 006 CUT AND RUN 15 J Fanshawe 3-8-11 . P Bowe 96
8 (17) -550 RISING TEMPO 21 (F,G) B Baugh 6-8-10 . A Eddery (3) 89
9 (3) 2330 BEE BEAT 13 (F) A Chamberlain 6-8-10 . S Drowne 97
10 (7) 0500 SPICE AND SUGAR 46 (F,S) B Cambidge 4-8-9 D Griffiths 91
11 (2) 0160 BAJAN 34 (V,S) M Tompkins 3-8-9 . S Mulvey 95
12 (10) -440 BLUE ISLE 127 N Graham 3-8-7 . Mark Denaro 91
13 (4) 1600 MY ROSSINI 44 (D,F) P Bevan 5-8-6 . D Denby (3) 91
14 (14) 2500 ZAAHEYAH 16 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-2 . J Marshall 94
15 (11) 0350 SASSIVER 11 R Hollinshead 4-7-13 . A Garth 96
16 (18) 0004 LA MENORQUINA 12 D Morris 4-7-13 . M Baird 97
17 (12) 3220 ICE MAGIC 6 (V,G) F Yardley 7-7-7 . Claire Balding 89
18 (5) 0054 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 42 (F,G) J Norton 6-7-7 . Amy Gosden (6) 85

9-2 Bells, 6-1 Bottles, 7-1 La Menorquina, 8-1 Philgun, Roberty Lea, 10-1 Mr Towser, Cut And Run, 12-1 Dancing Tralthee, 14-1 My Rossini, 16-1 others.

2.45 MAPLE SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,864: 6f) (24)

1 (23) 2236 SILVER THATCHING 14 (D,G) J Berry 9-7 . J Carroll 89
2 (6) 0310 TOM'S BIRTHDAY 88 (B,D,BF,F) D Arbuthnot 9-7 . W R Swinburn 99
3 (8) 2042 CLARA PEETERS 6 (B) P Cole 9-6 . A Clark 86
4 (5) 2210 DURGAMS FIRST 49 (G) Mrs M Reveley 9-6 . K Darley 94
5 (21) 0305 ROBO MAGIC 8 G Lewis 9-6 . Pat Eddery 88
6 (17) 2305 HARVEST REAPER 8 (V) M Channon 9-6 . R Hughes 93
7 (3) 0450 LORDAN VELVET 7 L Lungo 9-4 . S Copp (7) 90
8 (15) 0403 EXCLUSIVE ASSEMBLY 12 A James 9-3 . F Norton 86
9 (24) 3600 ESTOPPEL 9 B Hills 9-2 . B Thomson 98
10 (13) U50 MOSSALIER 5 (B) R Simpson 9-2 . S Drowne (5) 93
11 (12) 0005 LAWNSWOOD LADY 4 R Hollinshead 9-0 . A Culhane 86
12 (7) 6060 SHARP SHOWER 30 B McMahon 8-13 . S Sanders (5) 90
13 (1) 0500 LUCKY MAGPIE 23 Mrs J Ramsden 8-13 . M Wigham 97
14 (14) 5332 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 41 (S) J Berry 8-13 . G Duffield 92
15 (22) 3036 FLOODLINE LADY 12 Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 . T Ives 96
16 (19) 5033 BOX OF DIAMONDS 63 C Tinkler 8-10 . M Wood 90
17 (10) 800 LA CIOTAT 21 S Norton 8-9 . A Mackay 80
18 (16) 0400 SOMETHING SPEEDY 60 P Bevan 8-9 . C Hawksley (5) 91
19 (18) 500 KIND PRINCE 127 (B) J A Harris 8-9 . D Wright (5) 86
20 (2) 0000 MAJOR SNUGFIT 16 (B) M W Easterby 8-9 . M Birch 94
21 (4) 0465 LADY GOVERNOR 41 (S) P McEntee 8-7 . J Quinn 87
22 (20) 2000 SHY TALKS LAST 18 (V) P Evans 8-6 . S Maloney 85
23 (11) 500 SUMMER VILLA 46 P Haslam 8-5 . T Williams 80
24 (9) 106 HAVANA MISS 99 (D,S) B Palling 8-5 . T Sprake 92

6-1 Silver Thatching, 9-1 Robo Magic, 10-1 Estoppel, Clara Peeters, 11-1 Sunday Mail Too, 12-1 Durgams First, Tom's Birthday, Harvest Reaper, 14-1 others.

3.15 TOMMY WALLIS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,848: 1m 2f 120yd) (16)

1 (2) 1110 PERSIAN ELITE 34 (D,F) P Cole 9-7 . Aimee Cook (7) 88
2 (15) 4321 TOURING 9 (D,G) H Cecil 9-7 (5ex) . Pat Eddery 88
3 (6) 1000 GOBSMACKED 8 (V,D,G,S) W Haggas 9-5 . B Thomson 93
4 (13) 1220 TULU 12 (D,BF,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-4 . S Mulvey (5) 93
5 (9) 1034 CAP O'RUSHES 16 (G) J Fanshawe 9-4 . W R Swinburn 93
6 (7) 2-02 ALJAWAB 166 J Dunlop 9-3 . L Piggott 87
7 (1) 0221 BRENTWOOD 63 (F) R Hannon 9-3 . R Hughes 99
8 (3) 0510 KING CURAN 18 (F,G,S) A Bailey 8-13 . A Mackay 87
9 (16) 3341 SHARP FALCON 22 (D,F,S) J Wharton 8-12 . J Williams 97
10 (11) 4445 SLMAAT 22 (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-4 . K Darley 96
11 (8) 0010 COME ON RISK ME 39 (D,F) B Meehan 7-10 T Williams 98
12 (10) 4060 FRED'S DELIGHT 53 M Heaton-Ellis 7-8 . N Adams 93
13 (14) 0050 WINN'S PRIDE 33 (S) R Hollinshead 7-8 . J Fanning 94
14 (12) 0433 MEGDALE 96 J Hetherton 7-7 . F Norton 98
15 (5) 0503 KALOU 11 (V) W Elsey 7-7 . P Fessey (7) 89
16 (4) 0501 MARBLE 9 (S) E Alston 7-7 (5ex) . J Quinn 93

6-1 Touring, 7-1 Sharp Falcon, 8-1 Persian Elite, Aljawab, 10-1 Marble, Slmaat, 12-1 Brentwood, Kalou, Cap O'Rushes, 14-1 Megdale, 16-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Haydock Park: 2.45 Clara Peeters, Harvest Reaper, Kind Prince, Tom's Birthday. 3.15 Gobsmacked. 4.15 Selhurstpark Flyer. Market Rasen: 2.10 Wings Of Horage. 5.10 Pelota. Towcester: 2.20 Belling Belling.

3.45 HAWTHORN HANDICAP (£4,640: 1m 3f 200yd) (15)

1 (8) 2121 PENNY A DAY 18 (B,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-10 K Darley 95
2 (15) 6482 NESTOS 18 (BF,G) H Cecil 3-9-7 . A McGlone 95
3 (13) 2030 ALCOVE 37 (C,D,F) R Hannon 3-9-5 . Pat Eddery 91
4 (8) 2250 MAD MILITANT 12 (C,D,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-5 . M Wigham 93
5 (9) 1500 PICKLES 18 (D,F,G) A Bailey 6-9-5 . L Piggott 98
6 (10) 2205 SURREY DANCER 11 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-5 . G Parkin (7) 91
7 (4) 2002 MIDYAN BLUE 18 (C,G) J Eustace 4-9-3 . J Tate (3) 95
8 (1) 0230 BEAUMAN 19 (C,S) B McMahon 4-9-1 . S Sanders (5) 95
9 (5) 1403 LET'S GET LOST 18 (C,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-0 T Ives 94
10 (11) 4602 BARRAAK 12 (F) W Hern 4-9-0 . R Hills 94
11 (2) 3533 DRUMMER HICKS 18 (BF,F,G,S) E Weymes 5-8-12 . W R Swinburn 99
12 (3) 0460 JATHIB 15 C Williams 3-8-8 . J Quinn 94
13 (12) 0151 LALINDI 9 (D,G) G Wragg 3-8-6 (5ex) . G Duffield 93
14 (14) 5001 MENTALASANYTHIN 9 (D,G,S) A Bailey 5-8-3 (5ex) . A Mackay 90
15 (7) 34-2 PHARLY DANCER 277 (D,G) W Haigh 5-8-1 . F Norton 89

5-1 Nestos, 6-1 Penny A Day, 7-1 Midyan Blue, 8-1 Mentalasanythin, Drummer Hicks, 10-1 Let's Get Lost, Lalindi, 12-1 Surrey Dancer, Beauman, 14-1 others.

4.15 KING'S REGIMENT CUP (Conditions stakes: £4,203: 5f) (7)

1 (2) 3000 PALACEGATE JACK 26 (D,F,S) J Berry 3-8-11 L Piggott 80
2 (1) 0002 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 9 (V,D,F,S) J Berry 3-9-4 . J Carroll 89
3 (7) 0-34 SPANIARDS CLOSE 12 (D,G,S) P Makin 6-8-12 . W R Swinburn 99
4 (6) 5000 ALLLEGSNOBRAIN 11 (V,D,F) P Evans 3-8-11 . T Ives 69
5 (4) 0360 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 23 (D,G,S) M Channon 4-8-11 . R Hughes 79
6 (3) 0400 EVENING FALLS 11 (D,G) J Spearing 3-8-8 . K Darley 82
7 (5) 0514 I'M YOUR LADY 14 (F) B McMahon 3-8-8 S Sanders (5) 76

9-4 Selhurstpark Flyer, 11-4 Palacegate Jack, 3-1 Spaniards Close, 6-1 Champagne Grandy, 12-1 Evening Falls, 14-1 I'm Your Lady, 16-1 Alllegsnobrain.

4.45 WHITEBEAM MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,725: 7f 30yd) (15)

1 (5) 56 CELEBRATION CAKE 18 Miss L Perratt 9-0 . M Birch 82
2 (10) COMMONER R Hannon 9-0 . Pat Eddery –
3 (15) COTTINGHAM J Eyre 9-0 . G Duffield –
4 (3) 00 DANBYS GORSE 33 J Jefferson 9-0 . S Maloney –
5 (4) DENOMINATION I Balding 9-0 . K Darley –
6 (12) DONT FORGET CURTIS J Fanshawe 9-0 . D Harrison –
7 (11) 60 INDRAPURA 6 P Cole 9-0 . T G McLaughlin (5) 92
8 (6) 0 KENNET LAD 144 P Cole 9-0 . A Clark –
9 (2) 0 MONACO GOLD 7 L Lungo 9-0 . S Copp (7) –
10 (9) NORTHERN CHARMER M Meagher 9-0 . J Quinn –
11 (14) NORTHERN FAN A Stewart 9-0 . S Whitworth –
12 (8) ONEOFTHEOLDONES S Norton 9-0 . T Ives –
13 (1) 2 RAHY ZOMAN 29 J Fanshawe 9-0 . W R Swinburn 99
14 (7) ROYRACE W Brisbourne 9-0 . A Garth (5) –
15 (13) SILKTAIL J Berry 8-9 . J Carroll –

11-10 Rahy Zoman, 8-1 Commoner, 8-1 Denomination, 9-1 Celebration Cake, 10-1 Silktail, 12-1 Dont Forget Curtis, 14-1 Indrapura, Northern Fan, Oneoftheoldones, Kennet Lad, 16-1 others.

5.15 WALNUT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,725: 5f) (19)

1 (8) 0 ACTUAL FACT 9 G Harwood 9-0 . Pat Eddery 73
2 (17) 32 ARTFUL DANE 124 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 . D Harrison 99
3 (18) 00 CROWDED AVENUE 6 P Makin 9-0 . W R Swinburn 71
4 (12) 0500 DANCE OF THE HOURS 9 R Hollinshead 9-0 A Garth (5) 69
5 (15) GOLDEN FISH J Eyre 9-0 . S Maloney –
6 (6) 0 PERCY PARROT 18 R Whitaker 9-0 . T Ives –
7 (14) 0 RASAS 9 (BF) H Thomson Jones 9-0 . R Hills –
8 (1) 000 RED HASSETT 12 P Blockley 9-0 . T Wall –
9 (2) 6 RELENTLESS 18 B McMahon 9-0 . S Sanders (5) 71
10 (11) 00 THE KINGS RANSOM 21 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 M Wigham –
11 (4) 40 BLAZE DEWITT 53 S Norton 8-9 . K Darley 74
12 (13) 0 CHILI LASS 18 J Wharton 8-9 . J Williams –
13 (10) JESSICA'S SECRET A Bailey 8-9 . A Mackay –
14 (16) 5 JET CLASSIC 6 M Prescott 8-9 . G Duffield –
15 (19) 0 LAST WORLD 9 J Berry 8-9 . J Carroll –
16 (9) 243 LA SUQUET 6 M Channon 8-9 . R Hughes 71
17 (3) 368 MARGARETROSE ANNA 19 E Alston 8-9 . F Norton 79
18 (5) 02 PEMLEY 20 B Whitaker 8-9 . A Culhane 85
19 (7) STATOMIST P McEntee 8-9 . J Quinn –

4-1 Artful Dane, 9-2 Rasas, 6-1 Pemley, 8-1 Crowded Avenue, Jet Classic, 10-1 Rasas, 12-1 La Suquet, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Heaton-Ellis, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; H Cecil, 19 from 51, 37.3%; G Wragg, 5 from 19, 26.3%; H Thomson Jones, 13 from 52, 25.0%; G Lewis, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Dunlop, 20 from 94, 21.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 28 winners from 97 rides, 28.9%; S Mulvey, 3 from 11, 27.3%; W R Swinburn, 11 from 57, 19.3%; J Williams, 8 from 58, 13.8%; D Harrison, 3 from 22, 13.6%; S Sanders, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER

2.10 Strephon. 2.40 High Mind. 3.10 Glenshane Lad. 3.40 Test Match. 4.10 One For The Chief. 4.40 Old Bridge. 5.10 Henry Vill.

GOING: GOOD

2.10 SOUTH WOLD SELLING HURDLE (£1,905: 2m 1f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 5-03 LOCAL FLYER 5 (BF,G) P Blockley 5-12-1 . P Midgley (3)
2 -4U1 SHUT UP 7 (D,G) Mrs E Moscrop 5-11-10 . T Reed
3 BLOWEDIFIKNOW 37F J Wharton 4-11-8 . B Dalton
4 04-6 SOLO CHARTER 60 W Clay 4-11-8 . Diane Clay
5 4354 STREPHON 28 (B) J J O'Neill 4-11-8 . M Dwyer
6 0-4 VANARIO 33 J Eyre 4-11-8 . B Storey
7 3 BARLEY CAKE 9F C Fairhurst 4-11-3 . C Hawkins
8 WINGS OF HORAGE 18F (B) R Champion 3-10-5 . A Maguire
9 STEADFAST ELITE 18F J J O'Neill 3-10-0 . A Roche (5)
10 0 SURE GAIN 7 M H Easterby 3-10-0 . L Wyer

7-2 Shut Up, 9-2 Strephon, 5-1 Steadfast Elite, 6-1 Local Flyer, Sure Gain, 7-1 Blowedifiknow, 10-1 Barley Cake, 12-1 others.

2.40 ROBERT PEAK BOOKMAKERS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,658: 2m 3f 110yd) (11)

1 4- CLEVER REMARK 168 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 . C Llewellyn
2 58-2 HIGH MIND 11 (BF) Miss L Siddall 5-11-0 . A Thornton
3 P6-P HYDROPIC 19 (F) S Clark 7-11-0 . R Garritty
4 000- TICO GOLD 162 P Cheesbrough 5-11-0 . K Johnson
5 00- TWICE IN ONE NIGHT 208 C Campion 5-11-0 . P Midgley (3)
6 22P- CALL MY GUEST 181 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-13 . M Dwyer
7 GUESTWICK 138F P McEntee 4-10-13 . M Richards
8 34- INTENTION 86F I Campbell 4-10-13 . R Campbell
9 230- HIGH PENHOWE 203 Mrs V Aconley 6-10-9 . A Maguire
10 000- BRIGG FOLLY 184 J Thorpe 4-10-8 . Mr K Green
11 TUSCANIA 78F J Wharton 4-10-8 . B Dalton

9-4 Call My Guest, 7-2 Clever Remark, 4-1 High Mind, 7-1 Intention, 10-1 Guestwick, High Penhowe, 14-1 Tico Gold, 16-1 others.

3.10 FURNESS BUILDERS MERCHANTS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,078: 3m 1f) (6)

1 12-3 GLENSHANE LAD 14 (F,G,S) K Bailey 8-12-0 . N Williamson
2 P3P- MATT REID 179 (CD,G,S) J Leigh 10-11-4 . M Dwyer
3 40P- STEPFASTER 147 (C,F,G) Miss L Siddall 9-10-2 . A Thornton
4 32-2 DEEP DECISION 18 (C,BF,G) P Cheesbrough 8-10-0 K Johnson
5 65-1 EBONY SWELL 18 (CD,G,S) S Campion 13-10-0 . A Maguire
6 P341 LAPIAFFE 11 (CD,F,G,S) A Harrison 10-10-0 . B Storey

9-4 Glenshane Lad, 3-1 Deep Decision, 7-2 Ebony Swell, 5-1 Lapiaffe, 8-1 Stepfaster, 10-1 Matt Reid.

3.40 HABBERSHAWS BOOKMAKERS LADY RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,285: 2m 3f 110yd) (7)

1 F122 SO DISCREET 23 (B,D,BF,F,S) J White 6-11-10 . Gee Armytage
2 16-6 TEST MATCH 4 (G,S) W Clay 7-10-10 . Diane Clay
3 1F54 WINDSOR PARK 8 (CD,F) C Broad 8-10-7 . Jacqui Oliver
4 51-0 MHEMEANLES 11 (C,F) M H Easterby 4-10-5 . Mrs A Farrell
5 PP0- SINGLESOLE 256 (F,G,S) Mrs P Sly 9-10-0 Miss S Mitchell (7)
6 P2PP HIGHLY DECORATED 13 (G) Mrs S Smith 9-10-0 . Miss V Haigh (7)
7 P00- CHENOATS 235 M Bielby 6-10-0 . Miss R Judge (7)

7-4 Mhemeanles, 5-2 So Discreet, 9-2 Windsor Park, 5-1 Test Match, 8-1 Highly Decorated, 20-1 Singlesole, 33-1 Chenoats.

4.10 BURTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,490: 3m 1f) (10)

1 P11 CAPTAIN CHANCE 4 (C,G) Mrs C Coward 6-11-13 C Llewellyn
2 2-31 CROWN EYEGLASS 38 (G,S) R Woodhouse 8-11-8 A Maguire
3 P4U- BUCKWHEAT LAD 135 P Cheesbrough 6-11-3 . K Johnson
4 /2-3 COUP DE CATHERINE 28 W Barker 8-11-3 . G Harker
5 036- MR CLANCY 250 K Bailey 6-11-3 . N Williamson
6 61P- ONE FOR THE CHIEF 137P (G,S) R Whitaker 6-11-3 J Osborne
7 00-0 PETTAUGH 11 G Hubbard 6-11-3 . G Bazin (7)
8 5-42 REEF LARK 11 (F,S) S Campion 9-11-3 . P Midgley (3)
9 4P-P SQUIRES TALE 16 (F) W Bethell 6-11-3 . L Wyer
10 54-4 TRUE SHADE 11 (F,G) G Vergette 8-11-3 . B Dalton

7-4 Captain Chance, 9-2 Crown Eyeglass, 6-1 Mr Clancy, 7-1 Coup De Catherine, Buckwheat Lad, 10-1 True Shade, 12-1 Reef Lark, 14-1 others.

4.40 BLANKNEY NOVICES CHASE (£3,360: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 0/4 BREEZY SAILOR 11 (S) P Blockley 8-11-5 . P Midgley (3)
2 -31U CALDECOTT 4 (G) Mrs S Smith 9-11-5 . Gary Lyons
3 315- OLD BRIDGE 237 (G,S) A Turnell 6-11-5 . S McNeill
4 -2F5 THE YOKEL 11 W Clay 8-11-5 . S Wynne (3)
5 30F- WHO'S TEF 144 (F) M H Easterby 6-11-5 . L Wyer
6 55-0 PORT IN A STORM 11 (S) N Tinkler 5-11-4 . M Dwyer
7 D10- ANNIE KELLY 165 (S) J Wharton 6-11-0 . B Dalton
8 RR0- MRS MAYHEW 222 (F,G,S) G Hubbard 6-11-0 . G Bazin (7)

Evens Old Bridge, 3-1 Caldecott, 9-2 Who's Tef, 6-1 Breezy Sailor, 10-1 Mrs Mayhew, 14-1 Annie Kelly, 16-1 others.

5.10 BROCKLESBY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,490: 3m) (7)

1 0-14 DOCS DILEMMA 13 (F) K Bailey 5-11-4 . N Williamson
2 61-4 CUCHULLAINS GOLD 32 (F) J White 6-10-12 . A Maguire
3 GAMBLER'S GREEN B Rothwell 9-10-12 . L Wyer
4 55P- HENRY VILL 230 N Twiston-Davies 6-10-12 . C Llewellyn
5 0- LIVING ON THE EDGE 151 C Egerton 5-10-12 . J Osborne
6 P0- ZAFARRANCHO 54F Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-12 . M Dwyer
7 P0-0 PELOTA 11 (V,F) Mrs D Haine 8-10-7 . J Tidey

7-4 Docs Dilemma, 3-1 Living On The Edge, 9-2 Cuchullains Gold, 5-1 Henry Vill, 6-1 Zafarrancho, 20-1 Pelota, 25-1 Gambler's Green.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Sally Of The Alley. 2.50 Marsh's Law. 3.20 Better Bythe Glass. 3.50 Your Well. 4.20 Sunbeam Talbot. 4.50 What If.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.20 PARK SELLING HURDLE (£1,885: 2m) (10 runners)

1 32-0 SECRET LIASON 28 (D,G) K Bridgwater 8-11-13 . D Bridgwater
2 55-1 ALTO PRINCESS 39 (F) C Jones 5-11-1 . G Upton
3 00/ DARK SILHOUETTE 503 O Brennan 5-10-13 . M Brennan
4 26P- SALISONG 221 John Whyte 5-10-13 . R Dunwoody
5 P4F- TELMAR SYSTEMS 175F J White 5-10-13 . J Railton
6 00-P TIR NA NOG 11 (B) Miss L Shally 5-10-13 . J Ryan
7 22-2 WELL APPOINTED 7 T Caldwell 5-10-13 . Pat Caldwell
8 4/0 BELLING BELLING 11 (B) C Hemsley 6-10-8 R Williamson (7)
9 MEXICAN DANCER 63F P Howling 5-10-8 . D O'Sullivan
10 5023 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 21 Mrs S Smith 4-10-7 . Richard Guest

11-4 Alto Princess, 3-1 Well Appointed, 5-1 Sally Of The Alley, 7-1 Telmar Systems, 8-1 Salisong, 10-1 Mexican Dancer, 12-1 others.

2.50 BBC RADIO NORTHAMPTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,234: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 P0-P ANDALUCIAN SUN 8 G Balding 8-11-0 . B Clifford
2 /3-3 MAGSOOD 11 J Mullins 9-11-0 . S Curran (5)
3 512- MARSH'S LAW 135 (F,G,S) O Brennan 7-11-0 . M Brennan
4 2UP- MILLIES OWN 256 (G) S Mellor 7-11-0 . S Earle
5 /53- PETMER 300 (S) K Burke 7-11-0 . R Dunwoody
6 234- POLISH RIDER 128 (F) Mrs D Haine 6-11-0 . D Bridgwater
7 342- PRINCE OF SALERNO 169 N Gaselee 7-11-0 . M A Fitzgerald
8 PP4- SINGING GOLD 109F (S) H Sawyer 8-11-0 . J R Kavanagh
9 643- SO AUDACIOUS 161 N Gaselee 6-11-0 . R Supple
10 /P URIQUHART 6 (B,F) D Williams 8-11-0 . Mr G Hogan (5)
11 4F-2 VAZON BAY 9 (BF,G,F) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-0 . W Marston
12 P0P- THAT'S SPECIAL 324 R Harris 5-10-13 . S Keightley

3-1 Vazon Bay, 9-2 Prince Of Salerno, 5-1 So Audacious, 7-1 Polish Rider, Marsh's Law, 8-1 Magsood, 10-1 others.

3.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,075: 2m) (15)

1 251- BARNEY'S GIFT 208 (S) O Brennan 6-11-0 . M Brennan
2 005- BETTER BYTHE GLASS 175 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 . D Bridgwater
3 0 CELTIC SILVER 13 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0 . Richard Guest
4 345- DEVIL'S CORNER 168 H Webb 6-11-0 . R Dunwoody
5 DUSKY ROVER Miss H Knight 5-11-0 . R Farrant
6 0-P6 HARDLY ARKENFIELD 11 John R Upson 6-11-0 J R Kavanagh
7 P INCHYDONEY BOY 23 J Poulton 5-11-0 . R Rowell
8 0-48 MAC'S LEAP 19 Mrs I McKie 6-11-0 . L Harvey
9 4- NAHTHEN LAD 277 Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 . W Marston
10 00-5 NUNS CONE 25 R Dickin 6-11-0 . D Meredith (3)
11 /0P- PRETTY BOY GEORGE 194 K Clutterbuck 5-11-0 . D Walsh (5)
12 /00- SHANNON RUN 181 O Brennan 5-11-0 . R Moore (7)
13 025- SOLO GENT 200 A Jones 5-11-0 . G McCourt
14 100- SPRINTFAYRE 182 (G) Mrs M Long 6-11-0 . D Gallagher
15 /40- RENT DAY 151 J Mathias 5-10-9 . S Curran (5)

4-1 Better Bythe Glass, 5-1 Nahthen Lad, 6-1 Dusky Rover, Barney's Gift, 8-1 Nuns Cone, 10-1 Solo Gent, Devil's Corner, 12-1 others.

3.50 BEAM TUBES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,924: 3m 1f) (10)

1 10-U BRINDLEY HOUSE 9 (S) R Curtis 7-11-13 . D Walsh (5)
2 U6U- YOUR WELL 184 (G,S) J White 8-11-10 . B Clifford
3 5F1- RIO HAINA 330 (F,G,S) T Forster 9-11-10 . R Dunwoody
4 2P-0 BUDDY HOLLY 4 (F,G) J Old 9-11-6 . T Grantham
5 5PU- DERRING VALLEY 168 (B,C,D,F,G,S) A Jones 9-10-13 . G McCourt
6 022- TITUS ANDRONICUS 161 (G) N Gaselee 7-10-6 . R Supple
7 461- NAUGHTY NICKY 139 (F,G) K Bishop 10-10-6 . R Greene
8 1345 BARRACILLA 19 (D,F,G) G Balding 9-10-1 . R Arnold (7)
9 P4P- WOODLANDS GENHIRE 147 (V,CD,F) P Pritchard 9-10-0 . R Davis
10 48-4 WAYWARD SAILOR 37 (G) J Spearing 8-10-0 . D Bridgwater

7-2 Buddy Holly, 4-1 Titus Andronicus, 5-1 Rio Haina, Your Well, 6-1 Naughty Nicky, Barracilla, 10-1 others.

4.20 PERMIT TRAINERS ASSOCIATION AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,714: 2m 6f) (10)

1 156- RIDDLERS THREE 179 (B,G,S) T Forster 11-12-0 . Richard White (7)
2 23-0 THE MALAKARMA 19 (G,S) Mrs I McKie 8-11-7 . T Byrne (5)
3 340- SUNBEAM TALBOT 158 (CD,G,S) A Jones 13-11-7 S Bush (5)
4 R-53 PIGEON ISLAND 27 (D,F,G) G Charles-Jones 12-10-9 . A Charles-Jones (7)
5 4P3- TITUS GOLD 165 (S) John Whyte 9-10-5 . B Pollock (7)
6 R05- MR GEE 320 F Colon 9-10-2 . Mrs G Adkin (7)
7 553- IMPECCABLE TIMING 128 (S) D O'Neill 11-10-1 A Mitchell (7)
8 -325 MISTER FEATHERS 28 (C,D,F,G) J King 13-10-0 G Hogan (5)
9 1-23 MIRAGE DANCER 25 (F) Miss C Caroe 11-10-0 Mrs A Farrell
10 0P-0 PARSON'S WAY 8 (B) A Jones 7-10-0 . G Brown (7)

3-1 Mister Feathers, 4-1 Mirage Dancer, 5-1 Riddlers Three, 6-1 Impeccable Timing, 8-1 Sunbeam Talbot, 10-1 The Malakarma, Titus Gold, 14-1 others.

4.50 BOOKER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,110: 2m) (12)

1 22-0 RARFY'S DREAM 25 (D,G) J Banks 6-12-0 . S Keightley
2 102- WHAT IF 131 (CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 10-11-5 . M Brennan
3 21-3 MOYMET 11 (D,F) K Burke 8-11-4 . G Bradley
4 3P5- NOBLE INSIGHT 161 (CD,F,G,S) T George 7-11-4 . T Jenks (3)
5 213- HAWTHORNE GLEN 117F (CD,F) Mrs M Long 7-11-1 . D Gallagher
6 360- RAINBOW CASTLE 207 J Gifford 7-11-0 . E Murphy
7 04-5 JOVIAL MAN 9 (S) G Harwood 5-10-13 . M Perrett
8 5324 JUST ROSIE 13 (F) A Jones 5-10-11 . G McCourt
9 606- WAMDHA 145 (G,S) K Morgan 4-10-5 . A S Smith
10 -610 GLOSSY 28 (D,F,G) Mrs M McCourt 7-10-0 . L Harvey
11 00-U THEYDON PRIDE 9 K Clutterbuck 5-10-0 . D Walsh (5)
12 0P-P HIGHLAND FLAME 19 (G) A Blackmore 5-10-0 A P McCoy (5)

3-1 Jovial Man, 9-2 Moymet, 5-1 What If, 7-1 Wamdha, Rainbow Castle, 8-1 Rarfy's Dream, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Market Rasen

TRAINERS: J White, 6 winners from 17 runners, 35.3%; M H Easterby, 22 from 63, 34.9%; K Bailey, 5 from 17, 29.4%; N Tinkler, 20 from 70, 28.6%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 19 from 89, 21.3%; J Wharton, 8 from 46, 17.4%; I Campbell, 4 from 23, 17.4%; P Cheesbrough, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: Mrs A Farrell, 6 winners from 17 rides, 35.3%; N Williamson, 9 from 31, 29.0%; L Wyer, 18 from 79, 22.8%; G Bradley, 5 from 24, 20.8%; M Dwyer, 17 from 83, 20.5%; A Thornton, 3 from 15, 20.0%; A Maguire, 9 from 48, 18.8%.

Towcester

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; O Brennan, 21 from 74, 28.4%; J Old, 7 from 28, 25%; Mrs J Pitman, 10 from 44, 22.7%; Mrs I McKie, 14 from 62, 22.6%; J Gifford, 10 from 62, 16.1%; K Bridgwater, 4 from 26, 15.4%; J Upson, 8 from 43, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: M Brennan, 21 winners from 66 rides, 31.8%; M Perrett, 5 from 20, 25.0%; R Dunwoody, 19 from 108, 17.6%; T Grantham, 6 from 34, 17.6%; G McCourt, 4 from 24, 16.7%; Richard Guest, 4 from 30, 13.3%; L Harvey, 11 from 84, 13.1%.

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Pressure mounts on captain as buoyant Pakistan attempt to secure series

Australia look to Taylor to pass test of character

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN RAWALPINDI

MARK Taylor is an equable, even-tempered cricketer, and he has never had greater need of those strengths. Australia's defeat by one wicket in Karachi on Sunday in his first Test match as captain, however unfortunate, means that the character of his leadership will determine their immediate response.

Outwardly he awaits the second Test, which begins here today, with optimism. Craig McDermott, who missed the first Test because of an ingrowing toenail, is fit to lead the attack on a pitch that was drying out yesterday. His selection compensates for the absence of Glen McGrath, who has pulled a hamstring.

Taylor's less public reflections may trouble him. He is short of runs himself and made none at all in Karachi — the first pair of his career. He will also have noted the grassy pitch with interest. Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis are bowlers to fear at all times, but if the ball is to move off the seam, as it might, there is an additional element of danger.

At the front of his mind, too, is the knowledge that Australia came from one Test down to level both series against South Africa last winter. That proves how durable they are. It also maintains pressure on the new captain to make an important early mark.

McDermott for McGrath is the one change forced upon the touring team, although a voluntary one is likely. Damien Fleming, an uncapped fast-medium bowler from Victoria, is named in the 12 and will play if Taylor and Bobby Simpson, the team manager, feel there is no useful role for Tim May.

"It depends on how the pitch dries out," Taylor said. "There's a fair bit of moisture in it but I think we have a team to handle the conditions. The ball may jag around on the first day but it should be a good one later in the match."

Taylor is happy that his players have come to terms with the disappointment of losing that remarkable first Test, when Pakistan's last pair made 57 to deny them their first win in this country since 1959. However, he will expect more runs this time from the bowlers.

"The runs their guys made, and ours didn't, proved important," Taylor said. "Mind you, Wasim and Waqar are probably the best knockers-over of the tail of all time. This time we're looking for runs, not just to survive.

"We've discussed the last game and we are all happy with the way we played. If we carry on playing good cricket, things may go our way. We have come here to win the series and to do that we must win this Test."

McDermott's performance will be crucial. Australia badly missed McGrath on the final day in Karachi and McDermott's extra pace and bounce will disconcert opponents who like to dominate and are less happy when they have to construct an innings. As the taker of 231 wickets in 58 Tests, McDermott, 29, is very much the senior bowler.

Pakistan have had to amend their batting line-up, although it should not trouble them much. Basit Ali, who made 12 and nought in the first Test, is a bit of a hot-head, so the groin injury that will keep him out of the rest of the series should not be a great disadvantage. Asif Mujtaba, the steady left-hander, may replace him.

The Pakistanis needed that win badly. The madhouse that passes for cricket administration here is madder than usual, with insults following accusations, allegations and rebuttals. To give some flavour of the present debate, Intikhab Alam, their team manager, has called Sarfraz Nawaz, a one-time colleague, a "characterless person".

This constant friction, allied to the Australians' determination to draw level and the prospect of a lively pitch, should ensure that the cricket remains scintillating.

PAKISTAN (from): Salim Malik (captain), Saeed Anwar, Aamir Sohail, Zahid Fazal, Aamer Malik, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Akram Raza, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Asif Mujtaba, Mohsin Kamal, Kabir Khan.
AUSTRALIA (from): M A Taylor (captain), M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, M G Bevan, I A Healy, D W Fleming, J L Langer, S K Warne, T B A May, C J McDermott, G D McGrath, J Angel, G R Robertson.
Umpires: Mahboob Shah (Pakistan) and K E Liebenberg (South Africa).



McDermott's return from injury is a timely boost for Australia in Rawalpindi today

Greatbatch left out

MARK Greatbatch has been dropped from the New Zealand party to tour India and South Africa. After 34 Test matches, including a century on his debut against England at Eden Park in 1988 and a match-saving 146 not out against Australia at Perth the following summer, Greatbatch has been discarded.

Greatbatch, who recently opened the batting, has made way for the untried Canterbury opener, Darrin Murray. The other newcomer is Murray's provincial captain, the wicketkeeper, Lee Germon.

Ross Dykes, of the New Zealand selection panel, said they had decided not to pick Greatbatch again until he had solved his problem with short-pitched bowling.

Martin Crowe will not tour India for the one-day tournament against India and West Indies but will join the team in South Africa in November. The party leaves for India on October 23 and moves on to South Africa on November 4.

The fast bowlers, Murphy Su'a and Richard de Groen, both return, replacing Danny Morrison and Heath Davis from the squad that toured England.

TOUR PARTY: K R Rutherford (capt), R de Groen, S Doull, S Fleming, L Germon, C Harris, M Hart, B Hartland, D Murray, D Nash, A Parore, C Pringle, M Su'a, S Thomson, B Young. M D Crowe will join the party in South Africa.

O'Sullivan overcomes ailing opponent

FROM PHIL YATES IN DUBAI

AN ABILITY to salvage snooker frames that appear lost helped Ronnie O'Sullivan to reach the semi-finals of the Dubai Duty Free Classic for the second year in succession here at the Al Nasr Stadium yesterday.

O'Sullivan, the United Kingdom and British Open champion, beat Martin Clark 5-2 after an unusual match in which he was outscored 380-352. Three well-fashioned clearances in the first four frames were the key to O'Sullivan's victory.

It was touch and go whether the contest would actually take place, however. Clark had spent a sleepless night suffering from a stomach upset he believed was caused by eating an undercooked omlette. The world No 18 chose to play but, perspiring heavily, feeling weak and aching all over, he was not expected to mount anything other than a token challenge to O'Sullivan — successful by 5-1 margins in each of the opening two rounds of the event.

Clark, a member of the world's top 16 for four consecutive seasons before his relegation from the game's elite in May, led 56-0 in the first frame thanks to a 50 break, however. He missed a straightforward black from short range and O'Sullivan capitalised with a 57 clearance.

O'Sullivan, easily the most impressive player in the tournament so far, moved 2-0 ahead with a 70-break in the second frame and a totally one-sided encounter seemed the likely scenario.

Clark, however, was clearly not willing to go down without a fight. He compiled a 66 break in the third frame to lead 66-8 but, needing only one more pot to leave O'Sullivan requiring snookers, he saw a simple black off its spot catch in the jaws. The predatory O'Sullivan cleared with 59 to establish a 3-0 lead.

Remarkably, the fourth frame followed an almost identical pattern. A break of 54 carried Clark into a 61-1 lead but O'Sullivan potted a long red, held position on the pink and cleared up with 62 for a 4-0 interval advantage.

After watching helplessly as frames slipped from his grasp, Clark did well to avoid the whitewash. He did so by restricting O'Sullivan to only ten points in the next two frames, yet one could not dismiss the thought that the West Midlander's rearguard action would ultimately be in vain.

So it proved, as O'Sullivan secured a semi-final — played to the best of 11 frames — against Peter Ebdon, the Skoda Grand Prix champion, or Alain Robidoux, of Canada, by making a break of 83 from little more than a half-chance in the seventh frame.

Clark refused to lay the blame for his defeat on his illness. "It was nothing to do with that. It's the best I've played in the event and I lost. That tells you how good Ronnie was," added the player, who had beaten Joe Swail and Dareen Morgan, the world No 8, in the two previous rounds.

"Ronnie is definitely up there with Stephen Hendry, Steve Davis and Jimmy White as one of the leading players I have seen," Clark said. Though a professional for seven years, Clark is still to figure in the semi-finals of a world-ranking event after eight losing quarter-final appearances.

O'Sullivan, one of the most dedicated players when it comes to time spent at the apprentice table, tends to set impossibly high targets, so it came as no surprise that he was self-critical. O'Sullivan, 18, inaccurately described his performance as "terrible".

"I didn't enjoy it," he said. "My concentration was everywhere. Martin missed vital balls; that was all that stopped him knocking me out." On a more positive note, O'Sullivan insisted that he was confident of having an even more lucrative season than last.



O'Sullivan shows the type of application that helped to beat a spirited effort from Clark yesterday. Photograph: Mike Cooper/Allsport

RESULT: Quarter-final: R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt M Clark (Eng) 5-2.

Presence of Gordon emboldens Hanks

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

FOR all the bold declarations made by the coaches of England's two basketball representatives in Europe this week, they both face elimination and secretly they both probably know it.

Manchester Giants have the more realistic chance of progress. They travelled to Spain yesterday facing only a five-point deficit against Estudiantes Madrid in the Korac Cup second round, second leg tie tonight. Having made his peace with Trevor Gordon and released the 6ft 9in England forward from an indefinite suspension, Mike Hanks, the Giants coach, felt entitled to say: "Now we realise that we can play against these guys, that we can beat them. We feel good going into this game. Last week we had the opportunities to close the game up and tie it."

The greatest concern for Hanks is his squad's mood. The team that beat Birmingham Bullets comprehensively in the Budweiser League on Saturday fell flat against Sheffield Sharks 24 hours later. "It probably depends on which of our teams is going to show up," he said.

With 20 points to make up on Buckler Bologna in the second leg of the European championship second preliminary round tie tomorrow, the task of Thames Valley Tigers is wellnigh impossible. The aim of the Tigers coach, Mike Bett, "to at least win the game over there", also looks beyond his players, particularly as one of them, Peter Scantlebury, the England captain, is struggling to recover from ankle ligament damage he sustained in the first leg last week.

"The physio has advised me not to play but has left it up to me to decide," he said. "Seeing as we need a miracle, I may well decide that Saturday is more important."

Saturday is the day when the Giants and Tigers return from the Continent to pit their wits against each other at Bracknell in a Budweiser League fixture that may well have a vital bearing on the table at the end of the season.

A word out of place

The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

"I want to know what the hell's going on here!". The character who speaks this line in Bert Coules's adaptation of *The Mazarin Stone* speaks for me, too. I have often praised Coules's dramatisations of the Sherlock Holmes stories. But he has taken too many liberties with this one. I think he was wrong to credit Mrs Hudson for putting Holmes on the trail of the diamond thief. Wrong, too, to use the expletive "bloody". Had Conan Doyle done such a thing, the impact would have been as momentous as Shaw's use of the word in *Pygmalion*. *The Mazarin Stone* is one of the blander Holmes stories. This could explain Coules's heavy hand with the pepper pot.

Gosling en France. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

C'est foolish, mais c'est fun. I didn't think I would be saying this about Ray Gosling's encounter with one of the august custodians of the French language — the "Immortals" — who make up the Académie Française. "It's the first time I've met an immortal", says the waggish Gosling. "Ah", responds Comptre Jean-d'Ormesson, unacademically letting his hair down, "but we are immortal only until we die." When the conversation gets round to "merde", Gosling almost explodes with disbelief. Although the French verbs for getting into and out of trouble both incorporate the word "merde", the Académie has given its blessing to the first, and denied immortality to the second.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Claire Sturgess with the Early Breakfast Show 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Lynn Parsons 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Blur — Live from Aston Villa 11.00 Chris Morris 12.00-4.00am Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy, incl 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan, incl 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, including at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Angela Rippon 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 8.00 Radio 2 Young Tradition Award 1994: *Semi-Finals. Jim Lloyd meets* fiddler Lucy Castle and accordianist Ian Lowthian 8.30 The McCalmans' Highland Tour: from Lochcarron village hall 9.00 Sacha Distel 9.30 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains 10.30 The Jamesons: call 071-306 0222 12.05am Steve Madden with *Night Ride* 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine with Diana Madill, including at 10.35 Europe News 11.15 Natural History 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay 2.05 Rescue on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide: news and sport 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night 10.05 News Talk with Jeremy Vine at Blackpool 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.00-5.00 Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

RADIO 3

6.30 **Open University:** American Conversations: John Lewis 6.55 Weather
7.00 **On Air:** Andrew McGregor: Charminade (Automne); Beethoven (Overture: Egmont); Bach (Sarabande; Gigue, Partita in D minor); Bernstein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs); Strauss (Der Abend, Op 34 No 1); Quartet Collection: Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 1 No 2)
9.00 **Composer of the Week: Rameau.** Roger Savage looks at solemn dances as in mystic visions, ceremonies of enlightenment and evocation of cosmic harmony
10.00 **Midweek Choice:** Susan Sharpe plays requests from the Classical Music Fair at the Barbican
12.00 **BBC Orchestras:** BBC Symphony Orchestra (r)
1.00pm **News; Birmingham Lunchtime Concert:** Patrick Gallois, flute; Fabrice Pierre, harp. Bartók, transcr Arma (Suite paysanne hongroise; Romanian Folkdances); Canteloube (La Bergère des champs; La Délaisée; Trois Bourrées, Chants d'Auvergne); Borne (Carmen Fantasy)
2.00 **Schools:** Together: An *Assembly for Schools* 2.20 Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Sea Thunder 2.40 Drama Workshop
3.00 **Record Review,** with Anthony Burton. *Building a Library*: Bartók (r)
4.00 **Choral Evensong,** live from Chichester Cathedral
5.00 **The Music Machine in Prague:** Sarah Walker visits a special music school where young people in the Czech Republic go in the afternoons when lessons are over
5.15 **In Tune: Rameau** (Les Indes galantes, excerpts); Ravel (Shéhérazade); Saint-Saëns (Africa, Op 89); Debussy (Syrinx)
7.30 **Swansea Festival 1994:** Live from Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Hans Graf, Anne Queffélec, piano. Dutilleux (Métaboles); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 19 in F). 8.15 "Beethoven, that giant marching behind me": Jeremy J. Beadle explores the creative anxiety behind the birth of Brahms's First Symphony. 8.35 Brahms (Symphony No.1 in C minor)
9.30 **Deutsche Romantik:** The Romantic Road. Philip Brady explores Nuremberg, city of Albrecht Dürer, Hans Sachs, Wagner's opera *Die Meistersinger* and Hitler's Nazi Party rallies. Heavily bombed by the Allies during the Second World War, its medieval fabric has been only partially reconstructed
9.50 **Chillingirian Quartet:** Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor, Op 95); Hugh Wood (String Quartet No 4) (r)
10.45 **Night Waves:** Fiona Williams interviews theatre producer Joan Littlewood, who is 80 tomorrow. Plus a first-night verdict on Goldoni's *The Venetian Twins*
11.30-12.30am **Ensemble:** pianist Mark Anderson, featuring Copland, C.P.E. Bach and Chopin
1.00-1.40 **Night School:** Listen and Read 1.20 Verseplay

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today with James Naughtie and John Humphrys, including half-hourly News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Great Railway Bazaar, by Paul Theroux, read by William Hurt 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Midweek:** With *The Times* columnist Libby Purves in Humberside
10.00-10.30 **News; Goalling on France (FM only):** See Choice
10.00 **Daily Service (LW only)**
10.15 **Paradise Lost (LW only):** John Milton's epic poem (23/41) (r)
10.30 **Woman's Hour:** Introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 **Gardeners' Question Time,** with Geoffrey Smith, Pippa Greenwood, Nigel Colborn and chairman Eric Robson (r)
12.00 **News; You and Yours,** with Daire Brehan
12.25pm **The J.B. Priestley Season:** Bright Day. Fifth of a six-part dramatisation. With David Hargreaves and Frances Jeater 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes:** See Choice
2.45 **Treasure Islands,** presented by Michael Rosen. Jenny Nimmo talks about her books for children
3.00 **News; Anderson Country**
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope:** Disney's much-heralded new feature stars Simba the lion cub as *The Lion King*. Quentin Cooper looks at Tom Hanks as Forrest Gump
4.45 **Short Story: Donut Theory,** by Steve Aylett
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Round Britain Quiz:** The Ireland team of Owen Dudley-Edwards and Paddy Fitzpatrick take on the London team of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn for a return match (r)
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **Face the Facts,** with John Waite
7.45 **All in the Mind:** Can simple eye movements cure deep-seated *trauma*? Professor Anthony Clare investigates (r)
8.15 **One Step Beyond:** They mate, they create offspring and they evolve — but do they live? Jez Nelson looks at artificial life forms, where computers and robotics meet biology
8.45 **Dombey's Final Mad Scene:** A portrait of Dombey's final years, with Norman Rodway as the composer (r)
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.58 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Booker at Bedtime:** *The Folding Star* by Alan Hollinghurst, read by Gavin Muir
11.00 **Hindsight:** Chris Andrew hears about 2,000-year-old gossip (r)
11.30 **Postcard from Gotham** (r)
12.00-12.30am **News,** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

WORLD SERVICE

Times in BST. 5.30am BBC English 5.45 Fruhmagazin 6.00 Newshour 7.00 Morgenmagazin 7.30 Europe Today 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Andy Kershaw 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Top Scores 9.30 Megamix 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Country Style 10.30 Poems by Post 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Jazz for the Asking Noise Newsdesk 12.30pm BBC English 12.45 Mittagsmagazin 1.00 News 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 Amongmy Souvenirs 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf 3.45 Good Books 4.00 News 4.15 From our own Correspondent 4.30 The Llanos Test 5.00 News 5.10 British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 News 6.05 Business Report 6.15 BBC English 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 Kaleidoskop 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Europe Today 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Business Report 11.15 Sport 11.45 Sports Roundup Midnight Newsdesk 12.30am Multitrack 1.00 News 1.10 British News 1.15 Greenfield Collection 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 2.45 Farming World 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sport 4.00 News 4.10 British News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Assignment 5.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concert 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Gardening 8.00 Concert 10.00 Michael Meppin 1.00am Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Rosa 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyle

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

BASHA

(c) A hut made of bamboo with a thatched roof, from the Assamese: "They drove on around the house to a small basha made of bamboo, palm leaf matting, and palm thatch."

GARROCHA

(a) A picador's goad, from the Spanish: "Each [picador] was armed with a garrocha or spear, the blade of which is only about an inch long, as the picadores [sic] are not allowed to kill the bull, but merely to irritate and goad him."

DOWITCHER

(c) Any of several long-billed waders (genus *Limnodromus*) of North America, belonging to the family Scolopacidae and resembling the sand-piper, especially the red-breasted snipe (*Limnodromus griseus*), from the Iroquois: "The mellow attenuated trill of the soaring dowitcher."

COCKABULLY

(c) A small blunt-nosed freshwater fish in New Zealand, a corruption of the Maori *kokopu*: "The Bullies, or Cockabullies, are small, very common, blunt-nosed fish. They have large pectinated scales which extend on to the head and operculum in the species *Gobiomorphus*, but are confined to the posterior part of the body in the genus *Philypnodon*."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Coca-Cola Cup

Second round, second leg
Arsenal (5) v Hartlepool (0) (7.45)
Barnsley (1) v Newcastle (2) (7.45)
Bolton (3) v Ipswich (0)
Burnley (0) v Liverpool (2)
Coventry (2) v Wrexham (1) (7.45)
Leicester (0) v Brighton (1) (7.45)
Manchester City (0) v Barnet (1) (7.45)
Manchester Utd (2) v Port Vale (1) (8.0)
Portsmouth (3) v Everton (2) (7.45)
QPR (1) v Carlisle (0) (7.45)
Southampton (1) v Huddersfield (0)
Torquay (0) v Wimbledon (2)
West Ham (1) v Walsall (2) (7.45)
Wigan (0) v Aston Villa (5)

Anglo-Italian Cup

International stage

Group A
Atalanta v Notts County (8.30)
Swindon v Lecce (7.45)
Venezia v Wolverhampton (8.30)

Group B
Middlesbrough v Cesena (7.45)
Piacenza v Derby (8.30)
Sheffield Utd v Ancona (7.45)
Udinese v Stoke (8.30)

B & Q Cup

Quarter-finals
Dundee v Morton
Montrose v Clydebank

DIADORA LEAGUE: Third division: Harlow v Collier Row.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Bishop Auckland, Boston United v Guiseley; Droylsden v Gainsborough; Winsford v Marine. Cup: First round: Caernarfon v Mossley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First round, first leg: Cambridge City v Grantham; Dudley v Redditch; Fareham v Havant; Salisbury v Bashley; Stalybridge v Crawley; Solihull v Burton; Sutton Coldfield v Leicester United; Yate v Cheltenham.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Sunderland v Stoke (7.0). Postponed: Manchester United v Rotherham. Second division: Blackpool v Manchester City (7.0); Bradford v Birmingham City; Port Vale v Hull (7.0); York v Preston (7.0).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Bristol City; Oxford United v Bristol Rovers, Tottenham v Luton (at St Albans City); Wimbledon v Brighton (2.0). Second division: Bath v Cardiff; Exeter v Birmingham City (7.0). Hereford v Torquay (7.0); Plymouth v Yeovil (7.45).

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Shildon; Gateshead v Bedlington Terriers; Peterlee v Northallerton; Seaham RS v Eppleton CW.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg v Thackley. Cup: First round: Ossett v Mossley.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracha v Milton Keynes; Hatfield v Dunstable OB.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury v Sheppey

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Stamco v Hailsham Town.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cup: Sudbury Res v Hadleigh.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Tower Hamlets v Brimsdown; Willesden v St Margaretsbury.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Trophy: First round: North Devon v Exeter. First round replay: Wakefield v Huddersfield. Under-15: North West v Midlands (at Crewe Alexandra FC). Tyne And Wear League: South Tyneside v Sunderland.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0 unless stated

Club matches
Abertillery v Aberavon
Maesteg v Llanelli
Swansea v Bridgend
West Hartlepool v Northern (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's tour match
Leeds v Australia XIII (7.30)

Stones Bitter Championship
Second division
Dewsbury v Carlisle (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Korac Cup: Second round, second leg: Estudientes Madrid (80) v Manchester Giants (75) (8.0).

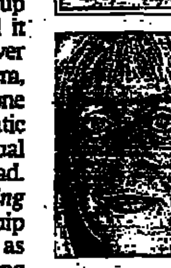
SPEEDWAY: British League (7.30). First division: Cradley Heath v Coventry (7.45); Eastbourne v King's Lynn Challenge match: Poole v Ex-Poole.

SQUASH: World women's open championship (St Peter Port, Guernsey).

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM-97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. CLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Mabey.

Crashing bores, marooned and browned off

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Pirandello has a lot to answer for. Ever since *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, audiences have struggled in the nets of paradox. All those trendy Wednesday Plays set in locked white television studios ("We're trapped! And good grief, we're on television!") and now **Self Catering**, the first in the Channel 4 season *Alan Bleasdale Presents*, and frankly a lousy start. "The fact is," says John Gordon Sinclair, with that mock profound air he's so good at, "we are all characters in a film." And though he doesn't rap the glass on the telly (tink, tink), it's a very near thing.

Filmed on a tropical island, and concerning the only survivors of a grisly plane crash — who talk like theatre characters, quote from movies, and for the sake of a gimmick adopt the names of film stars — this play was *Five Characters in Search of Lord of the Flies*, and it was nasty, aimless and over-long. If it was a black comedy, I've had more fun dangling electrocuted from a light fitting.

Even the promised impressions of Marilyn Monroe weren't much cop. Supposedly, the grim joke was that whereas in the movies Marilyn Monroe is lovable, in the person of Jane Horrocks's vain, selfish tart she is insufferable. In the movies, Henry Fonda wins arguments by reasonable persuasion, whereas John Gordon Sinclair's tedious cinéaste ends up roasted on a spit (à la Peter Greenaway). But the pattern doesn't hold. How does Meryl Streep fit in (Jennifer Ehle)? How does Joan Crawford get overlooked so badly (Noreen Kershaw)? And in which film did dangerous muscle-man Clint Eastwood swim like a dolphin, and continually show off his naked glutes (Andrew Schofield)?

Things looked promising when a mysterious animal preyed on the dead passengers, but the Famous Five killed it. So much for promisingness. Otherwise, group hazard was so badly exploited it was as though no film had ever touched on it before. Narcissism, coarseness, fly-zip fixation — none was produced by post-traumatic stress: this was just the usual dipstick behaviour of Brits abroad. The best thing about *Self Catering* was Sinclair's dependable quip delivery. "Can you swim as well as he can?" asked Meryl, gazing admiringly at Clint's Flipper imitation. "No," conceded Henry, "But I can read and write."

Ah, the sea, the sea. Aside from that bright blue stuff surrounding *Self Catering*, last night we had the hundred-foot grey waves of the North Sea in Channel 4's well-made **Wasted Windfall** (about the 25-year history of North Sea oil), and the blank, dangerous refugee route from the Caribbean in *Network First's* slow but sure **Miami Frontline** (ITV). All in all, it made you feel glad to be indoors with a mug of cocoa, nights drawing in, nip in the air, and all that.

Made by Denys Blakeway (who also made *The Falklands War* and *Thatcher: The Downing Street Years*), *Wasted Windfall* is a three-part series with an unignorable agenda, viz: Tony Benn was right about wanting to nationalise the oil, and everybody else was wrong to stop him. In the early years of American rig-building and exploitation (terrific footage of all this), Britain evidently got nothing out of its natural treasure except well-paid chaps in coffins, while the oil companies gloried in their breakneck construction feats. "At 660,000 tons, the Ninian platform was the largest man-made object ever transported." Witty as always. Blakeway included a snippet from Benn's diary tapes, describing a visit by the Queen to a refinery. "Also with her was Prince Andrew — who is one of the Queen's children, but I'm not sure which."

Meanwhile, *Miami Frontline* hammered the same point about five times — that American Coast Guard vessels slice through seas to save Cuban refugees; meanwhile American policy towards the similarly desperate Haitians has always been to bear down threateningly, take them on board, take their names, and then hand them over at Port-au-Prince, regardless of the consequences. The double standard applied because Cubans were escaping communism, so to American eyes had a legitimate grouch.

On a lighter note (not really), BBC 1's **Crimewatch File** related the investigation into the paedophile ring that killed 14-year-old Jason Swift. As a celebration of police work, it was fairly muted: the Met got their lead when interviewing all paedophiles in custody. By a stroke of luck, they found themselves talking to a material witness (now played by an actor). While it is true that *Crimewatch File* is the least salacious of the true crime slots, last night's reconstructions were so wooden, and the versions of events so flattering to the police (going strictly by the book, of course), that as usual it had all the challenge and force of reading a comic. It continues next week.

Finally, **Takin' Over the Asylum** (BBC 2) continues to absorb and entertain in a warm, humane way, although for a second week the sub-plot contained such an obvious surprise that only the mentally ill would miss it (Liz Smith turning out not to be a vagrant, but a rich woman in need of double glazing). The loonies are slowly opening up, the records played on this Glasgow hospital radio range from "They're Coming to Take Me Away, Ha Ha" to "I Think I'm Going Out of My Head", and Ken Stott is warming to Katy Murphy, to add some love interest. Young Campbell (David Tennant) received an ultimatum from his father: either move to Perth or be sectioned under the Mental Health Act. Apparently these are different ways of saying the same thing.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (96143)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34843037)

9.05 Kids' Kilroy. Young people discuss their views on fashion (s) (9102679) **9.30 A Word in Your Ear.** Game show presented by Gordon Burns(s) (62476)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1545476)

10.05 Labour Party Live from Blackpool. Coverage of Tony Blair's first conference as leader. Today, a debate on the issue that all party leaders have put top of the agenda, education. Includes at **11.00** and **12.00** News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (38787501) **12.55pm Regional News** and weather (26575211)

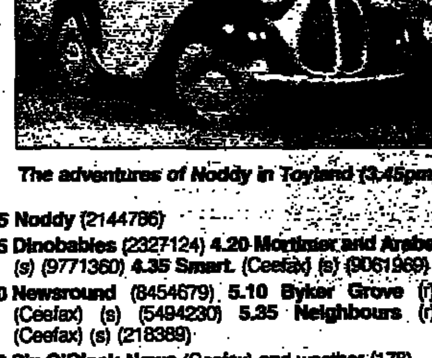
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (74360)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (89087056) **1.50 Turnabout.** Rob Curling tests the word power of three more contestants (s) (25414394)

2.20 The Rockford Files: Tall Woman in Red Wagon. Private detective series starring James Garner (r) (1260834)

3.05 NEW **Today's Gourmet.** Jacques Pepin prepares a menu from the South of France (3591872)

3.35 Popeye (r) (4163696)



The adventures of Noddy in Toyland (3.45pm)

3.45 Noddy (2144786)

3.55 Dinobabies (2327124) **4.20 Mortimer and Arabel** (s) (9771360) **4.35 Smart.** (Ceefax) (s) (9061969)

5.00 Newsround (8454679) **5.10 Byker Grove** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5494230) **5.35 Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (218389)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (176)

6.30 Regional news magazines (698) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 FILM: Any Which Way You Can (1980). Clint Eastwood and the orang-utan join forces again for this sequel in which they continue to brawl their way across America. With Sondra Locke, Geoffrey Lewis and William Smith. Directed by Buddy Van Horn. (Ceefax) (s) (93218476)

8.45 Points of View with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (840018)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5921)

9.30 Common as Muck. Edward Woodward and Tim Healy star as refuse collectors in this comedy drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (384056)

10.25 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam introduces an evening of sporting action, including Boxing: Britain's Richie Woodall takes on Canada's Jacques Le Blanc, plus Scotland's Gary Jacobs v. American Rusty Derouen; Cricket: David Gower interviews Mike Atherton; plus a round-up of recent football action (s) (3519105)

11.45 FILM: Birth of the Beatles (1979). The story of pop music's most successful group, from their Liverpool homes to international stardom. Directed by *Richard Marquand (349414)*

1.30am Weather (4388167). Ends at **1.35**

4.00 BBC Select: TV Edits — French 3 TV1 (5387612). Ends at **4.45**

BBC2

6.45am Open University: Social Sciences — Wrapping up the Themes **7.35** Palazzo Venezia, Rome — A Cardinal's Palace (6228292)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (3956124)

8.15 Litl' Bits (7876704) (r) **8.40 Mr Benn** (r) (2996679) **8.55 The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends** (r) (6912560)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays **1.45** You and Me (66735308) **2.00** Penny Crayon (r) (37602018)

2.10 Labour Party Live. Coverage of the conference from Blackpool. Today, delegates tackle the question of defence. Includes at **3.00** and **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (94609037)

5.30 The Hostel. As the YMCA celebrates its 150th anniversary, this programme looks at how it copes with the growing numbers of homeless youngsters who arrive daily at the doors of hostels such as that in Norwich, one of the largest and busiest (747)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Patrick Stewart and his crew continue to boldly go where no man has gone before. With Whoopi Goldberg. (Ceefax) (s) (369124)

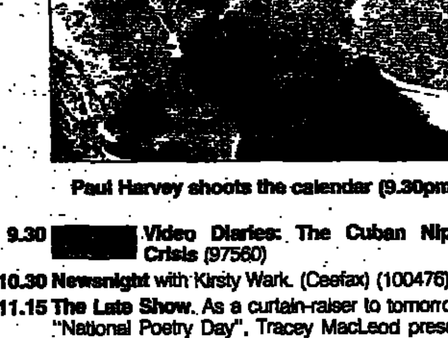
6.45 **The Big Trip.** (Ceefax) (s) (862056)

7.30 All Black. Groups of young black Britons, called networkers, are helping each other to obtain success in their chosen careers, by sharing information, jobs and resources (s) (124)

8.00 A Feast of Floyd. The inimitable cook shares his favourite programmes from ten years of gastronomical travel. Today he prepares dinner for the Kidwelly Rugby Club, but it ends in disaster. (Ceefax) (s) (6056)

8.30 University Challenge. Jeremy Paxman fires questions at contestants from Liverpool and Sheffield Universities (s) (5563)

9.00 Grace Under Fire. American comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (3563)



Paul Harvey shoots the calendar (9.30pm)

9.30 **Video Diaries: The Cuban Nipple Crisis** (97560)

10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark. (Ceefax) (100476)

11.15 The Late Show. As a curtain-raiser to tomorrow's "National Poetry Day", Tracey MacLeod presents performances from the established names and rising talent in British poetry (s) (618747) **11.55 Weather** (446785)

12.00 The Sordid Subject of Boeuf Bourguignon (r) (7912821) **12.25 Carmel: A Jewish Public School** (r) (5639658). Ends at **12.55**

4.00 Night School: Benefits Agency Today (60883490). Ends at **4.15**

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Riddle of the Tsar's youngest daughter (C4, 9.00pm)

The Mystery of Anastasia
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Tsar Nicholas II and the rest of the Russian royal family were murdered by the Bolsheviks in 1918. Well, yes and no. It depends whether you believe Anna Anderson, who insisted she was the Tsar's daughter, Anastasia. For more than 60 years, until her death in 1984, Anderson stuck by her story without being able to prove it beyond doubt. At the same time nobody was able to disprove it. Experts analysed Anderson's ears, voice, handwriting and blood group but still the mystery remained. When Anderson was cremated that seemed to be that. Except that a piece of body tissue had been saved after an operation in 1979. Belatedly released for DNA testing, it allows the programme to claim to have the final solution.

Video Diaries: The Cuban Nipple Crisis
BBC2, 9.30pm

Paul Harvey is a photographer who specialises in shots of topless women. He has always wanted to work in Cuba. His chance comes when a client asks him to go there for a nude calendar shoot. Unfortunately the Cuban idea of political correctness is not as liberal as ours. Harvey is soon into tiresome negotiations about how much breast he will be allowed to show. Abandoning Havana in exasperation to try his luck in the south, Harvey explains: "We were down to a third of a nipple and we had to do better that that." His video diary is as funny as this scenario might suggest, though also intensely voyeuristic and not redeemed by his protestation that he would rather be photographing the girls with their clothes on.

Big Fish in China
Channel 4, 11.00pm

Think of Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson, the commentary helpfully suggests, and you have some idea of the fame of Zhang Yimou and Gong Li. Zhang is one China's best-known film directors and Gong is his leading lady. The parallel is not exact. Zhang was married when he met Gong and he left his wife for her. The affair, which has continued outside wedlock, scandalised older Chinese but the couple have provided role models for the young. The programme offers an accessible film-by-film guide to Zhang's career and to Gong's contribution to it. He seems happy to remain working in China while she would like to look further afield. It sounds like the classic recipe for a split but for their sakes let us hope not.

The Big Trip
BBC2, 6.45pm

The antidote to television travel shows finds our teams of young adventurers well launched into their budget-conscious trips to less than exotic locations. The jokey lads from Bristol University have reached Greece, where they run an informal who-can-make-the-silliest-noise-in-an-amphitheatre competition. The two Irish girls sample the night life of Bali and sum it up in one word and three syllables: un-im-pressed. Perhaps their luck will change in Australia. The Glasgow trio seem to be having the most constructive trip as their musical tour of the southern American states reaches Cajun country. The food is good as well. The show's restless, bitty style is as irritating as its briefings on places and travel costs are useful.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4648872)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep Dale Winton hosts the trolley-dashing shopping quiz (s) (9191563) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (2059834)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (1534698)

10.35 This Morning Family magazine presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (99605834) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1590124)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (8484747)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (8492766) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (81657037)

1.55 Capital Woman presented by Anneka Rice (s) (38569263) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (53657056) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (1963056)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6332785) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6331056)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (4159495) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (3499673) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (s) (4153211) **4.05 Cartoon** (r) (7034327) **4.10 Wolf It.** (Ceefax) (s) (7948747) **4.40 Woof!** (r). (Teletext) (s) (4626834)

5.10 After 5 with Fern Britton. (Teletext) (9284037)

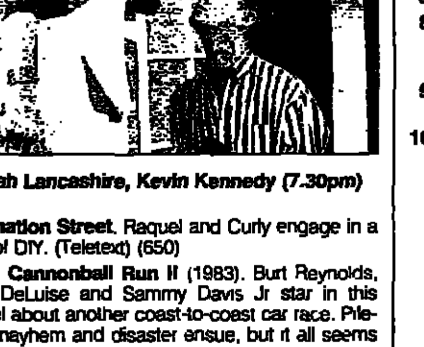
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (837563)

5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views on London life (284563)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (414)

6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (766)

7.00 Take Your Pick with Des O'Connor, ably assisted by Gayle and Gillian Blakeney. (Ceefax) (s) (4834)



Sarah Lancashire, Kevin Kennedy (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Raquel and Curly engage in a spot of DIY. (Teletext) (650)

8.00 FILM: Cannonball Run II (1983). Burt Reynolds, Dom DeLuise and Sammy Davis Jr star in this sequel about another coast-to-coast car race. Pile-ups, mayhem and disaster ensue, but it all seems rather familiar. Directed by Hal Needam (1834)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (35834) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (698766)

10.40 Carlton Sport. Bob Wilson introduces highlights from the second round, second leg of the Coca-Cola Cup (6285969)

12.00 FILM: Real Men (1987) starring James Belushi as an American spy who cons passive insurance man John Ritter into doubling up as a deceased agent. Directed by Dennis Feldman (16273)

1.30am Hollywood Report (s) (77186)

2.00 The Album Show with Lynn Parsons (s) (82877)

3.00 FILM: Lunch Hour (1962, b/w) starring Shirley Anne Field and Robert Stephens as a couple who embark on a short but disastrous affair. Directed by James Hill (5313964)

4.10 World Cup Hall of Fame. Gerd Muller of West Germany (60890780)

4.30 Masters of Beauty. Christian Dior (29051)

5.00 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (93148)

5.30 ITN Morning News (69032). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Chicken Minute (r) (7528105)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (97211)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (r) (45211)

9.30 Schools: Good Health **9.46** Talk, Write and Read **10.02** Stage Two Science **10.18** Understanding Northern Ireland **10.40** The Technology Programme **10.55** Film and Video Showcase **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica **11.15** Picture This! **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat **11.45** First Edition (906834)

12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Elk. A wildlife documentary made by Walter and Myrna Berlet about the American elk and its battle for survival in the freezing winter (r) (32747)

12.30pm Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series. The guest is Madeline Khan (98018) **1.30 Hullabalioo** presented by Floella Benjamin (s) Followed by **Dig and Dug** (s) (81501)

2.00 FILM: 13 Rue Madeleine (1946, b/w) starring James Cagney and Richard Conte. Second World War espionage thriller about four Allied agents sent to occupied France to find a German rocket launching site. Directed by Henry Hathaway. (Teletext) (829143) **3.45 Pete Smith Specialties: Social Sea Lions** (b/w). Comedy short (4169872)

4.00 Waterways. The second of a six-part series in which poet and naturalist Dick Warner explores Ireland's canals and rivers. (Teletext) (s) (679)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (563)

5.00 NEW **Ricki Lake.** A talk show hosted by the actress aimed at a young adult audience. Today she meets women who explain why they prefer men who are good with their hands (Teletext) (s) (5038940)

5.50 Terrytoons (207414)

6.00 Mork and Mindy American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (376)

6.30 Boy Meets World. Teen comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (308)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (745940)

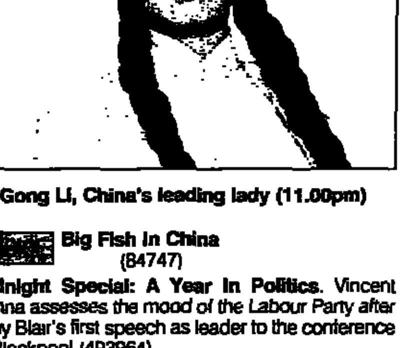
7.50 Belfast Lessons from students of Hazelwood College (985360)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (1124)

8.30 Lonely Planet. The second in the six-part off-the-beaten-track travel series focuses on Brazil. (Teletext) (s) (3719)

9.00 NEW **The Mystery Of Anastasia.** (Teletext) (s) (8124)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series. (r). (Teletext) (s) (1211)



Gong Li, China's leading lady (11.00pm)

11.00 NEW **Big Fish In China** (84747)

12.00 Midnight Special: A Year In Politics. Vincent Hanna assesses the mood of the Labour Party after Tony Blair's first speech as leader to the conference in Blackpool (493964)

1.35am FILM: The Gong Show (1980) starring Chuck Barris, Robin Altman, Jamie Farr and Tony Randall. A comedy look behind the scenes of an American television amateur talent show. Directed by Chuck Barris (951964). Ends at **3.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89075211) **2.20 Gardening Time** (53649037) **2.50-3.20 Blockbusters** (1963056) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (9284037) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (979650) **10.30** Anglia News (698766) **10.40** Anglia Sport Special (6269921) **12.05am** Beyond Reality (3417411) **12.35** The Murder That Wouldn't Die (643344) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3446983) **2.50** The Album Show (8938877) **3.45** Jobfinder (5716709) **4.35-5.30** *Sport AM (5641167)*

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89075211) **2.20 Gardening Time** (53649037) **2.50-3.20 Blockbusters** (1963056) **5.10-5.40** *Shortland Street* (9284037) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (979650) **10.40** Crime Stalker (583650) **11.40** Central Sports Special (723501) **12.40am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9506983) **1.10-1.30** Profile (5745148) **4.10** Jobfinder (5033032) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6859051)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home and Away (8492766) **1.25 Coronation Street** (81657037) **1.55 Highway to Heaven** (6166414) **2.50-3.20 Shortland Street** (1963056) **5.10-5.40** Ryan Giggs' Soccer Skills (9284037) **6.25** Granada Tonight (979650) **7.00-7.30** Take Your Pick (4834) **10.30** Granada News (698766) **10.40** Granada Soccer Night (6269921) **12.05am** Coach (3417411) **12.35** The Murder That Wouldn't Die (643344) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3446983) **2.50** The Album Show (8938877) **3.45** Jobfinder (5716709) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5641167)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55-3.20 Fire Maidens from Outer Space (9765327) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9284037) **5.55** Home and Away (230501) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (979650) **10.40** The Equalizer (500327) **11.35** The West Match (724230) **12.35am** The Murder That Wouldn't Die (643344) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3446983) **2.50** The Album Show (8938877) **3.45** Jobfinder (5716709) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5641167)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV News (1590124) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (6331056) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (979650) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (698766) **11.35-12.35pm** Top Sport (724230)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2059834) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1590124) **1.55** A Country Practice (89075211) **2.20** Southern Gold (53649037) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1963056) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6331056) **5.10** Home and Away (9284037) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (204327) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (414) **6.30-7.00** Keep it in the Family (766) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (698766) **10.40** Midweek Sport (6285969) **12.00am-1.30** Portrait of a Hitman (16273) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (93148)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2059834) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1509872) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1508143) **1.55** Take the High Road (38569263) **2.25-2.55** Ruth Meets the Entertainers (53648308) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6331056) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9284037) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (75679) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (698766) **10.40** Crime Stalker (583650) **11.40** The Equalizer (278594) **12.35am** The Murder That Wouldn't Die (643344) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3446983) **2.50** The Album Show (8938877) **3.45** Jobfinder (5716709) **4.35-5.30** *Sport AM (5641167)*

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89075211) **2.20-2.50** Cooking at the Academy (53649037) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Birdsdale: Network North (6331056) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9284037) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (919143) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (766) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (698766) **10.40** Rugby League (583650) **11.40-1.30pm** Shamus (199768) **2.00am** Videofashion (92544) **3.30** Noisy Mothers (2262051) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (2987490)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (97211) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (45211) **9.30** Yagollon (906834) **12.00pm** Profiles Of Nature: The Elk (32747) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (82230) **1.00** Sesame Street (87785) **2.00** On The Fiddle (829143) **3.45** Rights From The Heart (6549196) **3.55** Screaming Reels (8045308) **4.30** Gamesmaster (563) **5.00** 5 Pump (9064308) **5.20** 5 Pump (2127259) **5.30** Fifteen To One (143) **6.00** Newyddion (643292) **6.20** Heno (992501) **7.00** *Pobol Y Cwm* (2940) **8.00** Pengelli (1124) **8.30** Newyddion (3719) **9.00** Brookside Special: The Jordache Story (8124) **10.00** Brookside (33476) **10.30** P' Tang Yang Kipperbang (92253) **12.00am** *Midnight Special. A Year in Politics* (14815) **1.30** The World Of Hammer: Science Fiction (75726)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (59700969) **8.45** Cartoons (7728679) **9.30** Card Sharks (9774476) **9.55** Concentration (9782495) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2438834) **10.30** Love at First Sight (85853) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (30940) **12.00** *The Urban Peasant* (76105) **12.30pm** E Street (37150) **1.00** Falcon Crest (87655) **2.00** Hart to Hart (99105) **3.00** Class of '96 (9886414) **3.50** DJ Kat (3975698) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2227) **6.00** Gamesworld (9850) **6.30** Spellbound (3230) **7.00** *E Street* (1765) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9414) **8.00** One West Waikiki (68230) **9.00** The Wanderer (53766) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (56853) **11.00** Late Show (988476) **11.45** Battlestar Galactica (894292) **12.45am** Barney Miller (53051) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (50964)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1576105) **9.30** *Entertainment This Week* (37196) **10.30** ABC Nightline (83495) **11.00** News (38582) **1.30pm** CBS This Morning (87673) **2.30** Target (6563) **3.30** Ourselves and Other Animals (8308) **4.00** News (21679) **5.00** Live at Five (8679) **6.00** Littlejohn (16211) **8.00** News (64672) **9.30** Tourism in India (28056) **11.30** News (18230) **12.30am** News (95983) **1.10** Littlejohn (1398273) **2.10** Newswatch (5682322) **2.30** Target (35273) **3.30** Ourselves and Other Animals (26525) **4.30** News (27780) **5.30-6.00** News (23254)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2964872)
10.00 Swing Shift (1984): Romance (11766) ***12.00 Lancelot and Guinevere*** (1963): Romance (75328) **2.00pm Cold Turkey** (1971): Comedy (47105) **4.00 The Dove** (1974): Adventure (5969) **6.00 Over the Hill** (1991): Drama (67968) **8.00 A Nightmare in the Daylight** (1992): Drama (62414) **10.00 House Party 2** (1991): Comedy (597786) **11.35 The Pamela Principle** (1992): Drama (258698) **1.15am Black Robe** (1991): Drama (517418) **2.55 Street Knight** (1992): Thriller (8783186) **4.25-6.00 Swing Shift** (As 10am) (322525)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Killing (1956): Thriller (45766) **8.00 The Solid Gold Cadillac** (1956): Comedy (40230)
10.00 Children of the Corn (1984): Horror (16785). Ends at **12.00**

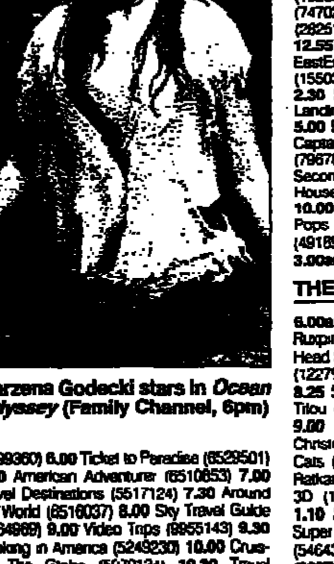
THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Operation Kid Brother (1967) Bond spoof (44891704) **7.50 Brer Rabbit Christmas Carol:** Animation (6973619) **9.00 The Call of the Wild:** Animation (45921) **10.00 The Ex-Mrs Bradford** (1936): Comedy (19308) **12.00 A League of Their Own** (1992): Comedy-drama (81759835) **2.10 Shattered Family** (1993). Drama (738327) **3.50 Brer Rabbit Christmas Carol** (As 7.50am) (3968308) **5.00 The Call of the Wild** (As 9am) (2614259) **5.55 The Flood: Who Will Save Our Children?** (1993): Drama (58077056) **7.30 American Independent Cinema** (2124) **8.00 A League of Their Own** (As noon) (74601582) ***10.10 Jennifer 8*** *(1992): Thriller* (13284018) **12.15am The Finest Hour** (1993). Drama (872419) **2.00 Bugsy** (1991) Drama (15548214) **4.15 Shattered Family** (As 2.10pm) (708896). Ends at **6.00**

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (6077969) **7.15** WWF Superstars (477414) **8.15** Soccer News (8147218) **8.30** Motorcycling Grand Prix (12476) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (22969) **10.00** Horse of the Year Show (87872) **11.00** Boots 'n' All (74308) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (92230) **12.30pm** Ringside Boxing (29940) **2.30** *Grass Roots Rugby* (8691) **3.00** Snooker — Dubai Classic (44969) **5.00** WWF Challenge (2105) **6.00** Soccer News (356389) **6.15** Sports Classics (377872) **6.30** Get Your Handicap Down (5230) **7.00** Rugby Club (84650) **8.00** Major League Baseball (91394) **10.00** Soccer News (873872) **10.15** Snooker — Dubai Classic (899292) **12.15-1.15am** Rugby Club (564983)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Step Aerobics (83582) **9.00** Eurogolf (81747) **10.00** Rhythmic Gymnastics (72940) **11.00** Dancing (69476) **12.00** Snooker (30476) **2.00pm** Triathlon (51969) **3.00** Equestrianism (73056) **4.00** Tennis (1679563) **7.30** News (6582) **8.00** Prime Time Boxing (99582) **10.00** Motors (85389) **11.00** Tractor Pulling (80969) **12.00** Equestrianism (97902) **1.00-1.30am** Eurosport (68051)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel Destinations (5079485) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (5236766) **1.00** Roads To Freedom (7969376) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (5235037) **2.00** American Adventurer (5513308) **2.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (6528872) **3.00** Ticket to Paradise (5525143) **3.30** Mansions (6507389) **4.00** Roads to Freedom (6519124) **4.30** Kids Down Under (6515306) **5.00** *Hawaii Cooks* (5597360) **5.30** Cooking in America (6599360) **6.00** Ticket to Paradise (6529501) **6.30** American Adventurer (6510653) **7.00** Travel Destinations (5517124) **7.30** Around the World (6516037) **8.00** Sky Travel Guide (4564969) **9.00** Video Trips (9955143) **9.30** Cooking in America (5249230) **10.00** Cruising The Globe (5070124) **10.30** Travel Destinations (5099872) **11.00** Hawaii Cooks (9927360) **11.30-12.00** Mansions (8244308)



Marzena Godecki stars in *Ocean Odyssey* (Family Channel, 6pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (5076308) **8.30** Peyton Place (5075679) **9.00** As the World Turns (2263698) **10.00** Guiding Light (5969196) **11.00-12.00** Another World

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (7153105) **9.30** Simply Delicious with Family and Friends (1613308) **10.00** Talking Heads (4094766) **10.30** The Baby Chase (1504563) **11.30** Youth Express (5806476) **12.00** Shattered Dishes (7173969) **12.30pm** Northern Eye (1617124) **1.00** Simply Delicious (5511259) **1.30** Painting (1616495) **2.00** *Life is for Living* (1983476) **2.30** Private Lives (4055178) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Garden (1995211) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (9005673)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (8783747) **7.30** Neighbours (8795582) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9233124) **8.30** EastEnders (9232495) **9.00** *The Bill* (9223747) **9.30** The Lotus Eaters (5937650) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (88521476) **11.35** The Sullivans (19206940) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (74702563) **12.20pm** The Goodies (28251872) **12.30** Neighbours (50156747) **12.55** South of the Border (97820940) **1.00** EastEnders (8782018) **1.30** The Bill (1550327) **2.00** Bless This House (8346921) **2.30** Seconds Out (9176105) **3.00** Knots Landing (3264056) **4.00** Dynasty (3243563) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2504679) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (4464785) **5.50** Sykes (7967834) **6.30** EastEnders (9191414) **7.00** Seconds Out (8357037) **7.30** Bless This House (9197698) **8.00** Dallas (6447679) **10.00** The Bill (9237940) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1511476) **11.10** Ripping Yarns (4918921) **11.50** Dr Who (92678940) **1.55-3.00am** Shopping at Night (89572490)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (4209501) **6.15** Teddy Ruxpin (413056) **6.45** Casper (412327) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (6414056) **7.25** Garfield (1227921) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (5329747) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (2244360) **8.40** Tilou (8458259) **8.50** Cococinel (6447143) ***9.00*** *It's Drobes Time* (39679) **10.00** Christopher Crocodile (85501) **11.00** Kitty Cats (18143) **11.30** Barney (19872) **12.00** Ratkan III (18292) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (16192501) **12.40** Garfield (4479940) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (14412582) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (54647582) **1.50** Tilou (54643766) **2.00** Babar (2056) **2.30** Twinkle (2607) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (3370650) **3.10** Around the World in 80 Seconds (5716650) **3.45** The Bots Master (505330) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1261785) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (9993)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Toons (77495) **7.30** Grimmy (3682582) **7.45** Rugrats (667953) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (6174740) **8.30** Ghostbusters (96056) **9.00** Nick Jr (961056) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (90872) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (24327) **1.00** Doug (76766) **1.30** Chipmunks (23698) **2.00** Denver (9560) **2.30** Smoggies (8563) **3.00** Ghostbusters (9495) **3.30** Carmen Sandiego (3766) **4.00** Grimmy (2143) **4.30** Rugrats (8327) **5.00** Clarissa (4940) **5.30** Doug (9679) **6.00** *Are You Afraid of the Dark?* (9292) **6.30-7.00** Joe 90 (3872)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Bush Tucker Man (9198327) **4.30** Coral Reef (9187211) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (8368143) **5.30** Anthony Steward (9178563) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (9590124) **6.55** Encyclopedia Galactica (7707969) **7.05** Sportz Crazy (3582785) **8.00** The Big Race (8364327) **8.30** Invention (8343834) **9.00** The Nature of Things (6458785) **10.00** Fields of Armour (9235582) **10.30** Spies (9244230) **11.00** Terra X (3242834) **11.30-12.00** Crawl into My Parlour (3593921)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Who Was Maddox? (1964). Thriller (51417768) **1.15pm** Rhubarb (8423940) **2.00** Avengers (3592292) **3.00** My Three Sons (8350124) **3.30** Beverly Hillbillies (9173018) **4.00** FILM: I Was a Spy (1933) Drama (8354940) **6.00** Get Smart (9195230) **6.30** Cannon (6168650) **7.30** Scotland Yard (9182768) **8.00** Avengers (6432747) **9.00** Garry Shandling's Show (3267143) **9.30** FILM: The Breaking of Bumbo (1970): Comedy (3773872) **11.30-12.00** The Rat Patrol (3597747)

UK LIVING
6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (9714495) **8.00** All Well and Good (7158650) **8.30** Great Expectations (7157921) **9.00** Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery (7269292) **9.35** Definition (4465872) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4069834) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (7177785) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3072124) **11.55** The Calendar Fashion Show (2511414) **12.30pm** Practical Living (34295037) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (4841056) **1.30** Signs of the Times (1601563) **2.00** *Agony Hour* (4080563) **3.00** Living Magazine (3467853) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (46202563) **4.00** Infatuation UK (8750786) **4.30** Definition (57614698) **4.55** Floyd on Britain and Ireland (3730921) **5.30** Kate and Allie (8855330) **6.00** Material World (1005653) **6.30** Musiquest (7300245) **7.00** Living Magazine (4657143) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (4633563) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (4653327) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (4656414) **11.00-12.00** Love Life (5583476)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (3308) **5.30** Boogies Diner (4143) **6.00** Ocean Odyssey (1056) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (2308) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6872) **7.30** The Mighty Jungle (1292) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (19360) **9.00** Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie (29747) **11.00** Lou Grant (86230) **12.00** Rhoda (93051) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (64051) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (93761) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit II (37693) **2.00** Boogies Diner (76631) **2.30** Big Brother Jake (62438) **3.00** Lou Grant (24964) **4.00** Rhoda (67963) **4.30-5.00** *The Mighty Jungle (14254)*

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wildside (70817) **7.30** The Grind (65747) **8.00** Awake on the Wildside (57653) **9.00** *VJ Ingo* (581834) **12.00** Soul (56940) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (32360) **2.00** Afternoon Mix (656327) **4.30** Report (6688719) **4.45** Cinematic (9740394) **5.00** News (7499872) **5.15** 3 from 1 (4800292) **5.30** Dial MTV (6501) **6.00** Music Non-Stop (27389) **8.00** Greatest Hits (28018) **9.00** Most Wanted (19786) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-head (37327) **11.00** Report (656940) **11.15** CineMatic (646563) **11.30** News (649785) **11.45** 3 from 1 (637940) **12.00** The End? (35790) **2.00am** Soul (26273) **3.00** The Grind (15983) **3.30** Night Videos (116475)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling From the Wreckage (8319817) **9.00** Café (1050785) **12.00** The Bridge rpt (6986143) **1.30** Ten of the Best: Boyz II Men (6025211) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8341501) **3.30** Into the Music (7444308) **6.00** Prime Cuts (5246143) **7.00** For You (4557679) **8.00** Soul (4566327) **9.00** Ten of the Best: Jon Secada (4546563) **10.00** The Bridge (2269872) **11.30** Today's Top 5 (8246786) **12.00** The Nightfly (5585099) **2.00** Prime Cuts (1823815) **3.00** Soul (8038148) **4.00** Ten of the Best: Jon Secada (8305273) **5.00** Dawn Patrol

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (43245) **7.00** Asian Morning (32650) **8.30** Buniyaad (34230) **9.00** Film Aakad Jawani (509230) **12.00** Angan Tehra (12018) **12.30pm** Serial (82501) **1.00** Film: Ghar Sansar (496292) **4.00** Kiddie Time (96921) **5.00** TVA and You (1114) **5.30-6.00** Buniyaad (8969) **7.00** Bhangra Top Ten (1476) **7.30** Zameen Aasman (9056) **8.00** *News* (9704) **8.30** *Sports* (9259) **9.00** Film. Daulat Ki Jung (71068563) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6825983) **1.35** Sight and Sound (29480186)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme. Our Favourite Movies
7.00 Three Comrades (1938) (43107143) ***8.55 H.M. Pulham Esq*** (1940) (48893834) **11.10 Cairo** (1942) (43505341) **1.05am Journey for Margaret** (1942) (67949693) **2.40 Strange Interlude** (1932) (90029254) Ends at **6.00**

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ENGLISH CHALLENGE OFF TO FLYING START AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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AUSTRALIA CALL ON McDERMOTT TO TAKE ATTACK TO PAKISTAN

Striker not fit, manager insists

Keegan defends decision not to release Cole

BY ALYSON RUDD

ASTON Villa probably cannot believe it, and Andy Cole certainly does not want to believe it, but the prolific Newcastle United forward, who scored his eleventh goal of the season at Villa Park on Saturday, is not fit enough to play football for England. Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, confirmed yesterday that this was the reason Cole was omitted from Terry Venables's squad for the international against Romania at Wembley next Wednesday.


Cole: disappointed

"It's very simple, the lad can't train because of his shin injury and that means he couldn't do himself justice with England." Keegan said yesterday. "Andy Cole knows it, I know it, and now Terry Venables knows it."

Keegan needed to clarify the position. Venables's popularity as England coach was being threatened as people at every club, pub and street corner in the country began to wonder what Cole had to do to be called up for international duty.

Cole had claimed that his manager would not have ruled him unfit without first consulting him, and this latest development is bound to disappoint him. "Andy's first priority must be to Newcastle United," Keegan, who had a meeting with Cole yesterday, said. "He wants to play for both club and country but we must overrule him on occasions. We monitor every game as it comes and he has a scan every three weeks. I talk at length with Cole every Friday and then we decide if he can play the following day.

"The truth is best to tell and that's precisely what I've done in this situation. He can't train with us during the week and, if he can't train with England next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, then it's not the best way to make his international debut. His big chance will definitely come; all he's got to do is be a little more patient."

There had been suspicions that Romania, who play France in a European championship qualifying match in Paris on Saturday, would not field their strongest team against England, but Cristian Bivolaru, the Romanian Football Federation spokesman, said yesterday that the Football Association's fears were groundless.

"All the Romanian players named by Anghel Iordanescu [the Romania coach] to play next Saturday against France will be at Wembley," Bivolaru said. "It's true that clubs of some important Romanian players did not want to release them for a ten-day period, but we did our best to have at Wembley all our stars playing abroad. We succeeded, so the Romanian Football Federation will respect all the terms of the agreement with the FA to bring a full-strength squad to face England."

Eleven members of Romania's European championship squad have now left Bucharest for Nyon, Switzerland, to prepare for the match against France. They will be joined by seven others, including Gheorghe Hagi, of Barcelona, the Romania captain.

Keegan, meanwhile, has put Newcastle affairs to one side while he sifts through the talent at his disposal while in charge of the England under-21 squad for a Uefa championship qualifying match against Austria in Vienna next week.

Noel Whelan, the Leeds United forward who has made an impressive start to the season, has been called into the squad, along with Jamie Smith, the Wolverhampton Wanderers full back. "Whelan has been outstanding for Leeds and looks like a player who will do well on a bigger stage," Keegan, who is standing in for Dave Sexton, said.

"My job is just to keep the seat warm for Dave, but Terry has given me the chance to pick the squad and team and say how I want them to play. That surprised me but I think it's right. It means I can go in fresh and with an open mind. I aim to make it something the lads can look forward to — entertaining, adventurous and, hopefully, we will get a good result.

"I have not been involved at this level before and I'm really looking forward to it. My opinions are not much different to Terry's and I've picked Dave's brain — I know how he's thinking.

"It's an exciting crop of lads but we'll have to see what we're left with when we gather on Sunday. But we also have a good standby list."

UNDER-21 SQUAD: P Gerrard (Oldham Athletic), M Oakes (Aston Villa), S Watson (Newcastle United), D Gordon (Crystal Palace), J Smith (Wolverhampton Wanderers), R Edghill (Manchester City), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), S Nethercott (Tottenham Hotspur), D Unsworth (Everton), J Redknapp (Liverpool), C Bart-Williams (Sheffield Wednesday), R Parlour (Arsenal), T Sinclair (Queens Park Rangers), J Joachim (Leicester City), N Barmby (Tottenham Hotspur), R Fowler (Liverpool), N Whelan (Leeds United), S Froggatt (Wolverhampton Wanderers).

Cantona replies to criticism

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ERIC Cantona, Manchester United's French international, yesterday responded to comments made by the president of the French football federation, Claude Simonet, in the daily sporting newspaper, *L'Équipe*.

Asked whether the striker should be captain of his country, Simonet had said: "He certainly deserves it as far as his talent his concerned, but I'm not sure about his cultural knowledge, which seems pretty basic to me."

Simonet later met Cantona at Clairefontaine, where France are preparing for their European championship qualifier against Romania in St Etienne on Saturday.

"He was upset when he read the interview, but I didn't mean to hurt him," Simonet insisted. "The incident is over. We talked frankly and he can be sure of my esteem."

"I don't care what Simonet says," Cantona said from Clairefontaine. "Whether a president is good or bad has no influence on the game."

Fifa, the world governing body, will decide later this month whether Diego Maradona, who is banned from playing after failing a drugs test at the World Cup, can start a new career as a coach.

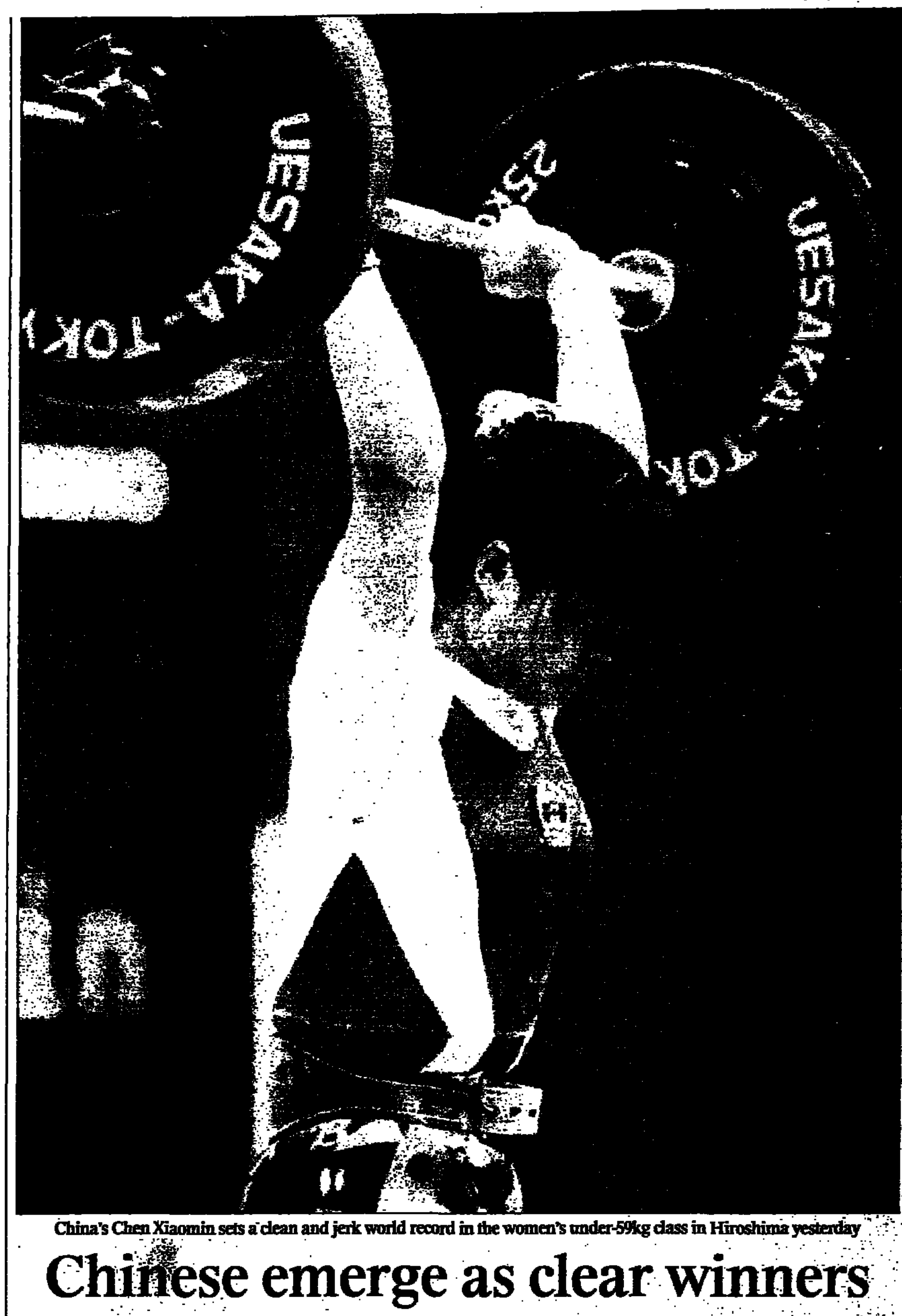
Maradona, suspended for 15 months after testing positive for the stimulant, ephedrine, announced his plans to become coach of the Argentine first division side, Deportivo Mandiyu, on Monday.

However, Andreas Herren, a spokesman for Fifa, said yesterday that Maradona needed permission to take the job as the ban covered "all football activities". Fifa will decide how to interpret its ban at a meeting in New York on October 27, Herren said.

☐ Celtic were yesterday granted planning permission for their proposed £21 million stadium, which will seat 60,000. Work is expected to start on three new stands at Celtic Park before Christmas.

No solution emerged in the poaching dispute over Tommy Burns, the new Celtic manager, although Burns publicly urged his chairman, Fergus McCann, to pay Kilmarnock compensation. "I'm very, very sad. It could have been handled better by both sides," Burns said.

The Parkhead club is facing a £100,000 Scottish League fine for approaching Burns in July to take over as manager. Kilmarnock are still pursuing their claim through the Scottish Football Association.


China's Chen Xiaomin sets a clean and jerk world record in the women's under-59kg class in Hiroshima yesterday

Chinese emerge as clear winners

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

AFTER the first two days of the Asian Games, China have swept to a commanding lead in the medals table thanks to record-breaking performances by their weightlifters and swimmers.

China's women weightlifters added six world records yesterday to the eight they set on Monday, while in the swimming pool China won all five gold medals to go with three they collected on the first day.

The day ended with China on 20 gold medals. Japan fell behind on eight and Iran moved into third place with a single gold in karate.

The president of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF), Gottfried Schodl, moved swiftly to head off accusations that drugs might be involved, saying the Chinese athletes had received a clean bill of health in tests two months ago and would be tested again at the end of this month. Schodl admitted, however, that he was worried about drugs in the sport.

"We have checked them (Chinese women weightlifters) very carefully and made out of competition tests two months ago in an unannounced check in China," Schodl said. "At the end of October we go again to China."

None of the tests have returned a positive test for performance enhancing drugs.The tests at the end of the month will be a prelude to the world championships. Asked if he was sure the Chinese women were not using drugs, Schodl replied: "It is very difficult to say yes. But I am really worried about drugs.

Schodl said much of the suspicion against China was due to envy and doubted if Peking could have developed anything which was not known to the rest of the world. "But who knows what is behind this," Schodl said.

Jiang Tao, coach to Tang Weifang, who broke the women's world record in the 70kg class, said the Chinese success was due to his country's huge population and an unmatched system of coaching. He added that the Chinese government has strict checks to prevent weightlifters on dope from competing. "We are innocent. I repeat we are innocent," he said.

Schodl says no Chinese women weightlifter has ever tested positive. "We check them carefully, one by one, everyone," he said.

In swimming, China took all five golds, two silvers and a bronze in a systematic demolition of the disheartened opposition. Xiong Guoming won her third gold yesterday, anchoring the men's 800 metres relay team to victory after taking the 400 metres individual medley yesterday, and the 200 metres freestyle on Monday.

The day's two women's races were brought China gold and silver medals, both with games records.Yuan Yuan and Dai Guohong finished in 2min 28.34sec and 2:29.72 in the 200 metres breaststroke, and Lu Bin and Le Ying went 1:57.37 and 1:59.77 in the 200 freestyle.

The day's two diving events both were tight all-Chinese battles for gold and silver. On the men's three-metre springboard, Wang Tianliang edged his team-mate, Yu Zhuocheng, the world champion, for the gold medal thanks to a high-scoring final dive. Wang finished with 709.41 points, Yu 698.76 and Japan's Chimaki Yasuda was third with 649.53.

Only Japan, with a haul of two silver medals and three bronzes, could raise a smile at the end of the day.

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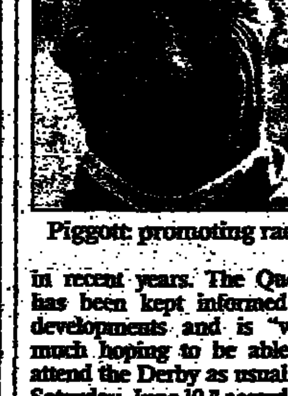
Derby to be run on Saturday under new deal

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

VODAFONE Group Plc was named as the new sponsor of the Derby yesterday in a package worth £3.5 million over three years. The deal is the most valuable of its kind in Europe.

Lester Piggott, nine times a winner of the race, was in London to promote a new-look Derby, the first to be run on a Saturday since 1953. The meeting, run this year over four days, has been scaled down to three days, starting on June 9, and will carry record added prize-money of more than £1 million.

The curtain will come down on the Sunday, after recent amendments to legislation permitting full betting on that day. Changes to the format of the meeting are aimed at regenerating public interest in the Derby, which has waned

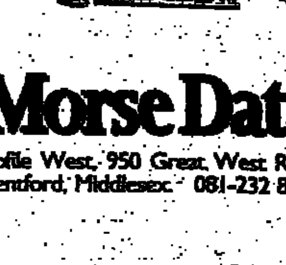

Piggott: promoting race

in recent years. The Queen has been kept informed of developments and is "very much hoping to be able to attend the Derby as usual on Saturday, June 10," according to Christopher Sporborg, the chairman of United Racecourses, which runs Epsom.

In addition to record levels of prize-money at the meeting, the race will be worth in excess of £500,000 to the winning owner for the first time. There will be significant improvements in spectator facilities and amenities.

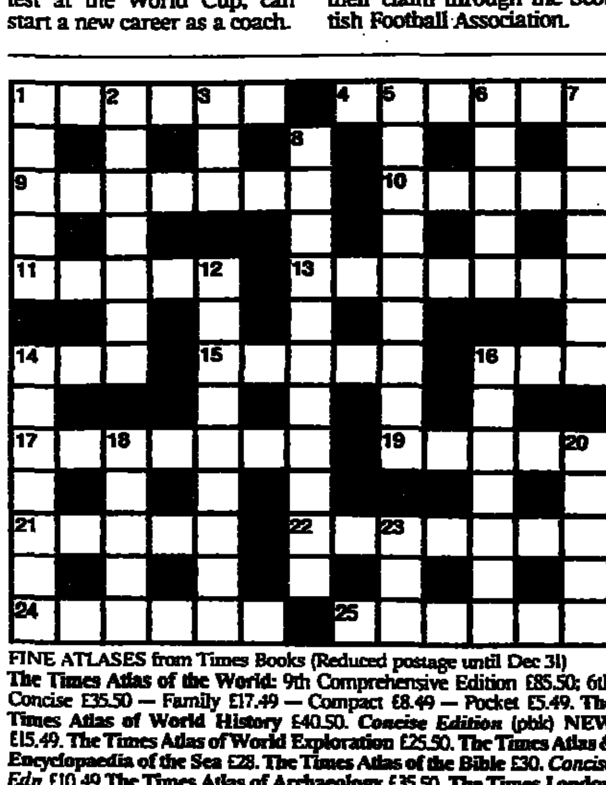
Vodafone replaces Ever Ready, which became the first commercial sponsor of the Derby in 1984. In a series of sweeping changes, the Oaks has been moved to the opening day and the Coronation Cup to a slot immediately before the Derby.

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13 Diversity (7)
14 Sticky stuff (3)
15 Fanatical; carrying disease (5)
16 Throw into waste-paper basket (3)
17 Boat/yacht tournament (7)
19 Life's springtime (5)
21 Young, will metamorphose (5)
22 Fish soup (7)
24 Rise from sleep (6)
25 Fireplace floor (6)

DOWN
1 Carefree life a bed of these (5)
2 Giddiness at heights (7)
3 A 19 (3)
5 Heedless of material values; naive (9)
6 Dickens' Barnaby (5)
7 Wage (5,2); state of excitement (5-2)
8 Peace offering (5,6)
12 Merchant vessel officer (5,4)
14 Largest ape; strong-arm man (7)
16 Smooth chunk of rock (7)
18 Irish policeman (5)
20 Severe (5)
23 Officer of order of chivalry (1,1,1)

SOLUTION TO NO 283

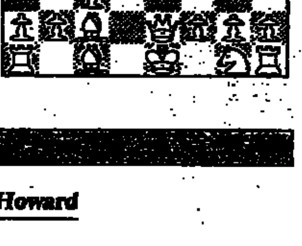
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DOWN: 2 Outdoor 3 Dirge 4 Plain clothes 5 Monster 6 Skill 7 Old wives' tale 13 Prosper 15 Glutton 17 Elude 19 Ember

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This position is from the game Anand - Adams, Intel Grand Prix, London, 1994. In this position White is hoping to lure Black into capturing his g-pawn with 1 ... Qxg2. What does he have in mind in reply?



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By Philip Howard

BASHA
a. A Pyrenean ball-game
b. A Tibetan mountain dog
c. A bamboo hut

GARROCHA
a. A bullfighter's goad
b. The Pacific oyster
c. A coarse red wine

DOWITCHER
a. A ship's cook
b. To make excuses
c. A wader

COCKABULLY
a. A fag at Harrow
b. Meat loaf
c. A blunt-nosed fish

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